

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 35

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th September 2021

In Mark's Gospel this week we hear Jesus make it clear that 'anyone who is not against us is for us'. Over the last few weeks we have seen devastating human behaviour towards each other. We are living in a vulnerable, volatile environment of fear, anxiety and judgement... who is doing it right, who is not in regards to a large number of issues, similar to what we hear of the disciples in the Gospel this week. Perhaps if we were to focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus and looking for the face of Jesus in all we meet we would get beyond the differences that set us against each other.

The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. You cannot use his name..he is ours, not yours! Their attitude sounds almost childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behaviour at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Rather than judge their actions as not being up to standard, support their actions if goodness is at the foundation and the outcome is fruitful in creating a safe community of peace and love.

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally; However "cutting out" behaviour and attitudes that are destructive or hurtful, those that tear down communities, is life giving for all. We need to focus on what we **practice**! When we practice something we do it over and over again... and what you practice, you get good at!

If you practice *negativity*.. you will be negative towards all things in your life and you will get very good at it. You will be able to be negative very quickly all day everyday!

If you practice *judging others*.. You will get very good at judging people, even before you meet them and if you practice this you will get very good at it. You will be able to judge others very quickly.

If you practice *gossip*.. You will get very good at it and you will be able to create stories even before they occur. You will get known as a gossip very quickly.

On the other hand, if you practice *acceptance*...You will get very good at it. You will accept others as soon as you meet them. You will become known as an inclusive and understanding person very quickly.

If you practice *kindness*.. You will get very good at it and you will become known as a kind person very quickly.

Imagine if we all practiced **LOVE!** What behaviour or habits do you want to "cut out" and which ones might you choose to **practice?**

The St Thomas Community would love to practice **community** and invite each and every one of you to farewell Fr Christopher on **Saturday 23rd October after 5.30 mass**, to share stories, a wine and a meal. It is no secret that Father is sad to go so we would really love to send him out with wonderful memories of the community he has been such an integral part of during his years with us! Further in this newsletter you will see ways of adding to a farewell gift for Father and we will also set up a collection system in Mass for those who wish to add in person. You will also see how to register for Father Christopher's farewell.

I wish you a wonderful week and the energy to practice many wonderful things.

*Peace and blessing, Caroline Sarra
PPC Chariperson*

Please join us as we

*Farewell
Fr Christopher*

On Saturday 23rd October

Mass at 5.30pm at St Thomas',

followed by Supper in the Parish Hall

Please register by Monday 18th October at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/175912297417>

Please see inside the newsletter for information
on how to contribute to Fr Christopher's gift
and assist with the celebration.

Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE UPDATES:

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on
**Thursday 30th September
& Friday 1st October.**

Monday 4th October is a Public Holiday.
Mass will be celebrated at 9am instead 7am.

The Parish Office will reopen on
Tuesday 5th October.

Update from Fr Christopher

Once again, dear members, as you all aware I will finish in the parish on the 31st October 2021. Our new parish priest, Fr Dantus Thottathil, will start his official assignment with us on January 1st, 2022. In the meantime the information reaching us is that the months of November and December will be taken care of by supply priest(s). So the parish will not be left without a priest to minister to our spiritual needs. We continue to pray for our new parish priest and I encourage all to lend him our utmost support, the kind only St Thomas the Apostle Parish gives in love to any priest assigned to us.

God bless!

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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:

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Parish Secretary

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Fr Christopher's Gift

Over the first two weekends in October we will be collecting contributions towards a parish gift for Fr Christopher. If you'd like to make a contribution, envelopes will be available at Masses over those weekends and there will be a special collection box at the door for you to place the envelope in.

For those preferring to donate via direct debit, please use the following account:

BSB: 064-786
A/C Number: 100023529
Reference: Please use **Fr Christopher** as a reference, followed by your surname

Thank you for your support.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Can you fire up the slow cooker and bring along a 'fork food' style dish for Fr Christopher's farewell supper? Casserole, curry, pasta etc. Bread & rice will be provided.

Please indicate whether you can help when reserving your tickets on Eventbrite (see invite on front page), or contact the Parish Office.

We will also need helpers to set up and serve on the night.

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Numbers 11:25-29 *Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6 *Your wealth is rotting.*

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 47-48 *Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

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 Neihl, 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

Parish News & Notices



On Friday 10th September, St Thomas' school celebrated their Foundation Day. On this day, the school launched their **Vision for Reconciliation** which outlines the school commitment to developing connections with First Nations people through Justice, Peace and Reconciliation.

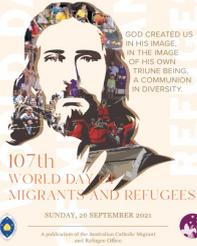
This vision includes the desire to:

- **BUILD CONNECTIONS** with the Yuggera and Turrbal people, as well as all First Nations people within our community,
- **DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to recognise our shared past and commit to living peacefully and acting with justice.
- **CELEBRATE and ACKNOWLEDGE** the contributions of the Traditional Owners past, present and emerging and to work towards healing through prayers, words and actions.

As a visible commitment to this vision, each student and staff member placed their individual hand-prints onto a new Healing Hands for Reconciliation Wall located on the hardcourts.

This is a meaningful and lasting symbol of the school commitment to reconciliation. St Thomas' Parish supports this vision and would love to hear your thoughts on ways we can further show our support in our parish. Please send any thoughts to stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER "WE":



This Sunday we celebrate the 107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees. Pope Francis has chosen the theme **"Towards an Ever Wider 'We'"**.

His message can be read here: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20210503_world-migrants-day-2021.html

PRAYER:

Holy, beloved Father, your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is gathered into our "we",

which thus becomes ever wider.

We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of good will, the grace to do your will on earth.

Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile

into the "we" of community and of the Church,

so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be:

the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen.

From humility of heart
proceeds serenity of mind,
gentleness of conduct,
interior peace, and every good.

~ St Paul of the Cross ~



WANTED TO RENT:

GRANNY FLAT from 19th November

Hi. My name is Leonie and I am a local single, middle-aged woman who is a practicing catholic. I am seeking a Granny Flat in the local area to rent on a temporary basis from 19th November 2021. Please contact me on 0413 727 345 or leonie.constable@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank you.

The Week Ahead

Sun - Sep 26th	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm Baptisms @ 10am World Day of Migrants & Refugees
Mon - Sep 27th	Mass @ 7am School Holidays
Tue - Sep 28th	Mass @ 7am
Wed - Sep 29th	-
Thur - Sep 30th	Mass @ 9am Parrish Office Closed
Fri - Oct 1st	Mass @ 9am Parish Office Closed
Sat - Oct 2nd	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - Oct 3rd	Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm



Through the Listening and Dialogue phase, along with the Listening and Discernment phase, parishes and faith communities right across the Archdiocese of Brisbane have been integral to the Plenary journey.

If you wish to remain close to the Plenary First Assembly and pray together with us, you are welcome to attend the Plenary Council First Assembly Opening Mass at 12.00pm on Sunday October 3 in St Stephen's Cathedral, as well as the Closing Mass at 10.00am on Sunday October 10 at St Stephen's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Please remember to wear a mask to comply with COVID requirements. A return to ticketed seating and registration will better help us accommodate the expected numbers. Please book for free via the following booking systems for the Mass you would like to attend:

Opening Mass on Sunday 3 October at 12 noon
<https://plenarycouncilopeningmass.eventbrite.com.au>

Closing Mass on Sunday 10 October at 10.00am
<https://plenarycouncilclosingmass.eventbrite.com.au>

May the Spirit lead us and inspire us.

The Holy Spirit will Teach You

John 14:24-39



Find these words:

- disciples
- eat
- John
- miracles
- Moses
- name
- prophets
- rewarded
- rich
- Spirit
- water
- workers

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