

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday	6.30am
Tuesday	6.30am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Public Holiday	9.00am

Reconciliation

Friday	6.00pm
Saturday	5.00pm

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 12th September 2019

PARISH TEAM:

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In 1927 St Thomas' Parish was a welcomed addition to the rapidly expanding district of Camp Hill. In 1929, Archbishop Duhig approached the Sisters of the Good Samaritan to open the doors of our parish school. This weekend, we celebrate the 90th anniversary of this occasion!

We extend a warm St Thomas' welcome to Bishop Ken Howell who will celebrate this special event with us, and we are delighted to welcome so many past and present families. We also thank everyone at the school, and in the parish, who has been involved in making the celebration so special.

In honour of the occasion we have asked some of our parish families, who have had a strong connection with the school, to share memories and reflect on their time as part of St Thomas community. St Thomas' wouldn't be the warm, welcoming and close knit community we are without each of our parishioners and we are very thankful for the riches we have in our community.

Our family involvement at St. Thomas' began in 1967 when our son, Brendan began his schooling in Grade 1, followed closely by our three daughters, Susan, Donna and Anne. At end of 1974, the Principal, Sr. Mary Una, asked me if I would join the staff the following year, and so my teaching career at St. Thomas' began. In 1976, I became the first Religion Co-ordinator the school had ever had. After I retired I took up a new position from 1988 in the Parish and become the first Liturgy and Ministry Co-ordinator ever in the Parish. Brendan and Debbie's eldest daughter began in Yr. 1 at St. Thomas' in 1987 and the others followed on until the last one finished at the end of 2010.

As we move on, I now have four great grandchildren at St Thomas'. I am the very proud and blessed "matriarch" of this clan and feel privileged to have been a part of St Thomas' School & Parish for so long. I hope there will be many years ahead when the Radford Family will continue to be part of the fabric of St. Thomas'.

Lola Radford

The Presbytery was always open to all .Fr.Paul Castley MSC, invited Parishioners to chill out in the Presbytery Lounge which was always well stocked. Br. John MSC would hold court for all and sundry in the kitchen. Also of course the parish family camps started by us, after a request from Fr Tom Drake MSC in the 1970's, and still going today! Parish families in large numbers would holiday together to experience community living - children were safe and parents were happy, enjoying fun, games and concerts and of course the ever popular swimming activities. Camp Masses in the early days were also a regular part of the family camping holidays. Who can forget the Clergy Meal Rosters for families to host the visiting clergy.

More important than all of these, was the cohesion of the Parish and the School. School parents were typically, active parishioners, and with the parish priest Fr Tom Drake MSC, organizing working bees to paint school rooms under the supervision of the Master Painter - Peter Ryan, and the construction of Playground furniture - Ian Douglas - Painter, and other willing workers from the parish. Socially, we would fill the Parish Hall to over-flowing, with Cabarets, Concerts and Dances on a regular basis. Oh for the Good Old Days!

Paul & Kay Bertini

Turn to the back page for more memories...



We remember in our prayers

The sick: Betty Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Matilda Elisabeth Swain, Aidan Hunt, Joan Bulew, Betty Smith, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Jim Clifford, Tom Grant, Lorna Dagwell and Lauren Balcombe

Recently Deceased: Hilary Petrie (brother of Anne Murphy)

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 Neih, 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 and Julie Buesel.

Safeguarding Follow Up

Following on from our update last week, we have sent some emails out directly to volunteers regarding their Safeguarding status.

We have been advised that some emails have gone into the junk folder. Can we ask that you please ensure you check your junk folder to ensure there is nothing outstanding.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or are unsure of your status.



IMPORTANT : PARISH OFFICE DATES

- The Parish office will be **closed on Thursday 12th September** as Lisa will be attending a professional development day.
- Next week Fr Christopher will be away on retreat (but back for the Healing Mass). As a result, there will be **no 9am Mass on Friday 13th September**.
- Fr Christopher will be on annual leave from **25th September - 14th October**. During this time there will be **no weekday Mass on Thursday 26th & Friday 27th September** as there is no one available to say these Masses. Fr Pan Jordan will celebrate week-end Masses during Fr Christopher's absence.
- **Sr Analissa** has changed her days and will now work **Monday, Tuesday and Friday** (instead of Thursday) from 8.30am to 1.30pm, during term time and until further notice.

Baptisms

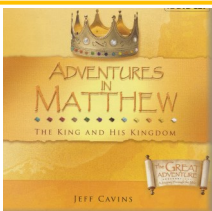
We welcome...

Gwendolyn Keira Collins,
daughter of Amanda & Darren
&

Connor Anthony McAlister,
son of Sarah & Gary

being baptised in our Church this weekend

*May Jesus, who loves all children,
bless your precious child
with His love and peace
on this special day and always*



Deanery Scripture Study

The next Deanery Scripture Study Group will study:

Gospel of Matthew - The King & His Kingdom by Jeff Cavins.

Sessions will commence:

Tuesday 1st October @ 6.30pm
at St Thomas' Camp Hill/St James Coorparoo
&

Wednesday 2nd October at 10.30am
at Our Lady of Graces, Carina.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested or have any questions.
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1st reading: Wisdom 9: 13-18 *Who can comprehend the will of God?*

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33 All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples

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**Discussion on Australian Bishops
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Official Brisbane Launch
by Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

**Theme "Making It Real: Genuine Human
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The statement considers the impact of the Digital World on Human Life – Positive Possibilities & Warning of Harmful Elements.

Discussion led by Madonna King, Award winning journalist, author and commentator.

Speakers:

Veronica Kopinski, Communications Officer, All Hallows School, Member Catholic Justice & Peace Commission.

Dave Jorna - Coordinator Project Hatch – a youth retreat team

Elizabeth Kehoe & Zoe Dennehy, founders of Edible Brisbane Instagram

Wednesday, 25th September 2019
7pm for 7.30pm start

VENUE: **St James Parish Hall**
92 Kirkland Ave. Coorparoo.

PARKING: School and Church grounds

RSVP: **Monday 23rd Sept 2019**
Catering purposes,
Parish Office- **3397 1671**
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Gold Coin Entry

- Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Week Ahead

Sun - Sept 8	St Thomas' School 90th Birthday Community Mass & Celebration Mass - 9am Baptisms - 11am
Mon - Sept 9	Playgroup - 9am
Tue - Sept 10	
Wed - Sept 11	
Thur - Sept 12	STYPS Rehearsal - 8am 9.30am Healing Morning Tea Parish Office Closed Liturgy Team Meeting - 6.30pm
Fri - Sept 13	Mahjong - 9.30am
Sat - Sept 14	
Sun - Sept 15	Baptism Preparation - 9.30am

Liturgy Roster

13 & 14 September	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
Mass Organisers	Jeff McKee	Angela Moore	Kathryn Flint & Caroline Sarra
Altar Servers	Sam Greer Jamie Edwards	Harrison Chong Rocco Veraa Yannick Cotta	-
Readers	Bernie Kelly Michael Williamson Frankie Duncan	Paul Liddy Glynne Liddy Paul Mead	Kathryn Flint John Mackie
Communion	Clare Flynn Ellen Greer	Paul Bertini Kay Bertini Terry Thompson	Caroline Sarra Judith Molloy
AV Operators	Jeff McKee	-	-

Some more reflections from our parishioners...

Some memories from Claire Longland:

I walked the three blocks to school each day, meeting other classmates on the way.

We tested each other for the spelling bee and "times tables" quiz that was our first exercise after prayers.

The whole school (8 classes) was accommodated in the original building which also included a tea room for the nuns.

School fees were 9 pence per week.

Being a part of the 90 year history at St Thomas' means so much to me. I love this community. I love the people, the church, the school and I love my faith.

To be able to give our children what was given to Paul and I as children makes me feel proud. The love and the blessings in this wide community make us feel safe. St Thomas' is home to us!

I am happy to be celebrating 90 years with everyone.

What an amazing story and a wonderful legacy!

Caitie Duncan

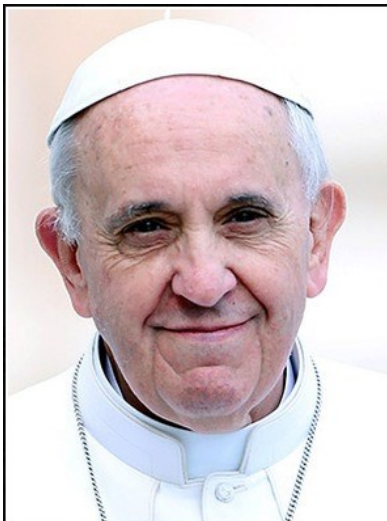
I joined the parish around 2000. I had just moved to Carina and I attended Mass at St Thomas and was captivated by the sermon that morning given by Fr Tony O'Brien. Fr Tony soon had me involved in the parish with church cleaning and delivering collection envelopes and he signed my application to have my son Luke enrolled at St Thomas school.

As a single parent working full time I joined the school tuck shop as a contributor of cakes and goodies and helped out at school fetes. Luke had beautiful care and attention at St Thomas school where he stayed until the end of grade 7, before going to high school at Villa. He loved the school and his time there. St Thomas School was such a nurturing environment and one that gave individual attention that I don't think he would have got elsewhere. Luke made all his sacraments at St Thomas and was a long serving altar boy and, as I was part of the children's liturgy team, he wanted to attend Mass and be part of that.

St Thomas has been a huge part of my life and I am still committed to the parish today. I have made beautiful friends and had wonderful support in the St Thomas community.

Congratulations to St Thomas School on the 90th anniversary, and long live the valuable connection between the school and parish.

Annette Bongiorno



Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.

— Pope Francis —

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