

# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **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:**

### **Parish Priest**

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## **GOSPEL REFLECTION** by Greg Sunter

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.



We warmly welcome back Fr Pancras Jordan who will celebrate weekend Masses with us while Fr Christopher is on leave for 3 weeks.

*This Sunday, 29th September 2019, marks Social Justice Sunday. This year's statement is titled **Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World**. A copy of the statement can be downloaded from their website: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)*

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**1st reading:** Amos 6:1,4-7 *You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

**2nd Reading:** 1 Timothy 6:11-16 *Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

**Gospel:** Luke 16: 19-31 *During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

## Parish News & Notices



### We remember in our prayers

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

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

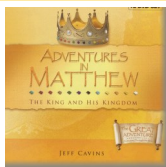
Catherine McGrath, Bessie King, Eva Shannon, Rosina Agius, Jean Deshon Smith, Margaret Fahy, Norman Waller, Samuel Sedgwick, Michele Greenway, Clarice Swan, Lara Jane Neihl, Phelomena McDonald, Helen Bemrose, Jed Minogue, Fay Gee, Lara Mylne, Michael Williams, Maude Rupesinghe, Lurlene Kent, Annie Buckley,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

### CATHOLIC LEADER - ST THOMAS' STORY

If you missed out on a copy of the Catholic Leader which features St Thomas' School 90th Anniversary, I still have a couple of extra copies in the Parish Office. Please give me a call ASAP if you would like one!

### Thank You!

Thanks so much to Chris Kelly who promptly offered a fridge to donate after the notice in last weekend's newsletter requesting assistance. The fridge was delivered on Wednesday and the person who required it is very grateful.



### 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 James Coorparoo &**

**Wednesday 2nd October at 10.30am**  
**or Thursday 11am**  
**at Our Lady of Graces, Carina.**

Please contact the parish office .

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Please note, the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th October.  
Mass will go ahead as usual at 9am on those dates.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

#### St. Stephen's Cathedral 5th October 2019.

Rosaries (two mysteries): 10.30AM

Marian Mass 11.30AM

Process around the streets approx 12.15PM

(Elizabeth St, Adelaide St, Edward St, Cathedral)

Benediction to conclude at the Cathedral.



Help the angels take  
Lazarus up to heaven

Never worry about numbers.  
Help one person at a time,  
and always start with the person nearest you.

~ Mother Teresa ~

### Liturgy Roster

5 & 6 October	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
<b>Mass Organisers</b>	Jeff McKee	Moyra Walls	Kay Owen
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Gigi Duncan	Max Green Joseph Forster	-
<b>Readers</b>	Louise Power Brian Kilmartin Caitie Duncan	Irene Poh Os Cotta Indy Forster	Caroline Sarra John Mackie
<b>Communion</b>	Paul Duncan Ray Jessop	Lyn Kasatchenko Ann Kelleher Andrea Keogh	Steve Kelly Kathryn Flint
<b>AV Operators</b>	Finbarr Power	-	-

