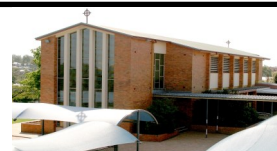


# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 39

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

04 October 2020

I am very pleased that we have reopened our Church for normal weekend Masses - 5.30pm Saturdays; 8.30am Sundays and 5.30pm Sunday afternoon respectively. But we are far from seeing the usual faces that consistently worship with us at our weekend masses and the numbers are still well below our allowed limits. We know the reasons for the decline but we also want to guard against long absence from worship. Therefore we have taken measures to secure a clean and safe worshipping space for everyone.

It is pertinent to acknowledge how much we miss everyone at Mass. We want to share our usual Sunday morning tea as we exchange pleasantries. We shall consider the possibility of restarting this tradition however we want at the same time to let everyone feel safe. Having a clean and safe space, is very important and I thank those volunteers who help us clean our church during the week and our pews after each Mass. Whenever I see them do this, one line from our Parish prayer comes flooding my memory: "Heavenly Father we thank you for the gift of our parish community. May all who come here know that they are loved and welcomed with open arms."

There is no denying how nerve-racking it can be to be caught in the midst of unwelcoming and loveless people. Such people more often than not are unpleasant, intractable and grumpy. Luckily we have maintained a Parish willing not to allow anything destroy the peace and joy we have, nothing is allowed to cause us anxiety because we have built a spirituality that remains united to God through our prayer as a community. The hallmark of such attitude finds footing in the 2nd Reading for this weekend, Phillips. 4:6-9. St. Paul is in a sense proposing what a good disciple of Christ is: we must aspire to be pleasant, loving, kind, charming, and friendly. Keep doing these things and God of peace will be with you, he adds. Implicit here is a recommendation for a lifestyle because our very being is accentuated in our relations with others. And it is in this real affective relation with others, that warrants inviting everyone once more back to our Parish worship.

At the moment we no longer require you to book online for Mass. Simply turn up or show up but sign your name at the door before entering! This is good and easy. Often there is a very brief moment of sharing some good old banter while waiting to sign in. Understandably if one is sick we ask you not to come.

There will be an exception to this at the end of October as we welcome our First Holy Communicants who will receive this blessed sacrament during the weekend Masses. To be able to accommodate the children and their families and meet the government requirements, we will need to take bookings for Mass on those weekends. Details are in the notice below.

Otherwise feel free to show up and register at the front door, hand sanitize, and join us as we praise God whose vineyard we are, as the Psalmist says. God bless everyone as you come!

*Fr Christopher*



## First Holy Communion

First Holy Communions will be celebrated at the end of October here in our church. The children were prepared for this sacrament earlier in the year. They will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Saturday 17th October and will receive their First Holy Communion at the following Masses:

- Saturday 24th October - 5.30pm
- Sunday 25th October - 8.30am & 5.30pm
- Saturday 31st October - 5.30pm
- Sunday 1st November - 8.30am & 5.30pm

Due to current restrictions on numbers, we will have limited spots available for parishioners during these Masses and will ask you to register for Mass on those two weekends via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-thomas-parish-30461026974>

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**1st reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7 *The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

**2nd Reading:** Philippians 4:6-9 *Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43 *He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

## Parish News & Notices



**KEEP  
CALM**

IT'S A  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please note:

**Monday 5th October**

is a public holiday.

Mass will be celebrated at 9am  
instead of the usual 6.30am.

The Parish Office will be closed.

Thank you.



Consider the Common Good  
on October 31

Our faith shapes our lives in public  
as well as how we relate  
to God personally.

The **Catholic Bishops of QLD**  
have released a  
State Election Statement.

To read the statement visit  
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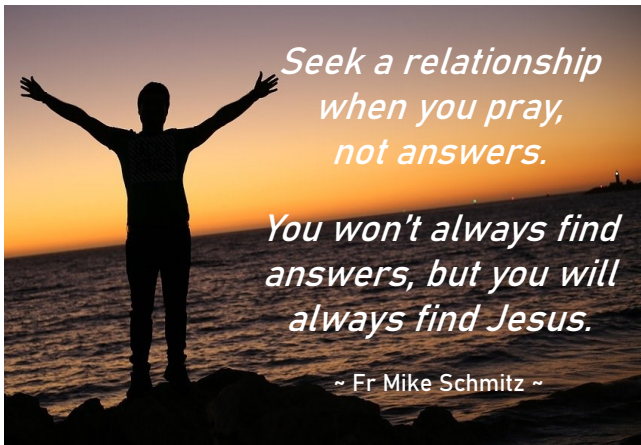


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Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

### 'Pondering Grief'

**Reflection event (via Zoom)**

Saturday 17th October, 10am-1pm (AEST).

Facilitated by Counsellor/Supervisor/Educator Linda Espie, this event provides the opportunity to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creative, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place to the breadth of human experience and spirit to guide individual exploration. Limit to 10 participants. Cost \$30.

Bookings/payment via [www.trybooking.com/BLUEA](http://www.trybooking.com/BLUEA)

or email [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) for information.

Ph 03 9890 1101, [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)



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### PARISH GIVING APP

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[www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/planned-giving.html](http://www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/planned-giving.html)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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F: <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasCatholicParishCampHill/>

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## Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane

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### Monthly Prayer Meeting at St Stephen's Chapel

(after 10am Mass in the Cathedral grounds)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 10.45am – 12.15pm**

**You will need to ring the Cathedral to book for Mass**

**Personal Prayer Ministry available - EVERYONE WELCOME!**

*To book Please contact Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901  
or email [maureenallison43@gmail.com](mailto:maureenallison43@gmail.com)*



*The Spirit of Hope*

### 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, Marjorie Cusack, Joe Sherlock, Sue Lamb, Teresa Pokoj, Peter Owen

**Recently deceased:** Callum McKerr, Beryl Rafter, Merv Vetter

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Joyce Holden, Errol Lawes, Dorothy Clayton, William (Bert) Vanden Bergh, Mary Kittson, John Cassidy, George Schlecht, Joyce O'Sullivan, Katherine Adamski, Kathleen Hardy, Barry Uscinski, Sr Mary Camillus, Des Power, Peter Kenny, Frances Moffatt, Tom O'Brien, Sr Eunice Osborne, Anitha Bradbury, Mary Josephine Smith, Jean Just, Carmel Murray, Carmel Mahoney

