

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 39

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th October 2021

“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere” [2Cor. 2:14]. This is not an exaggeration to say that God has been at the centre of all affairs; the Captain; and more than a “genie” in the bottle, always there whenever a prayerful call is put through to Him and without whom all efforts are mere sinking sands! Thank God for the grace to spread and share the fragrance of faith and knowledge of Him for and with you.

And standing on these words, I once again express personally my heartfelt gratitude to every one of you who made my stay amongst you beautiful and memorable. I appreciate the hard work and unflinching support you all gave me. It was also your prayers and good wishes that brought me thus far and eventually laid foundation for a fruitful apostolate while living in your midst. I appreciate the opportunity of ministering at St. Thomas’ Parish, Camp Hill. A parish rich in missionary history through the MSCs, and the Good Samaritan Sisters; and with a strong and vibrant sense of community and hospitality. The welcoming attitude of her members, needless to say, is very germane to a successful pastoral ministry both for priests before and especially myself. Thank you so much.

Of course, I am well aware of the truth that singlehandedly I’m unable to achieve much, if not for our volunteers, various ministries, parish staffs and the school leadership team. Thus we are reminded of the truth that in the Church [parish] there are diversity of gifts but directed to a common mission [1Cor.12:4]. In fact, the vocation of the lay faithful, needless to say, is not a passive one but that of a shared function emerging from an internally developed parish life[Ephesians 4:16]. Therefore, I say, a big heartfelt thank you to everyone. The help you all gave me both by way of prayers and human support helped in making my ministry of use to you.

The list of names are endless and some people deserve more than just saying thank you. I value the help, the gifted items, messages of encouragement and appreciation. Maybe we’ll cross paths again in life, maybe not. Wherever we find ourselves may ‘the banner over our head be His love,’ weaved as a protecting and comforting wig whenever we draw close to God [Songs of Solomon 2:4].

May this Weekend Mass bring manifold blessings to all of us. God Bless!
Fr Christopher

Please note:

There will be **no 5.30pm evening Mass** on Sunday 24th October.
Apologies for the inconvenience.

Living the Gospel – Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.

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1st reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 *I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6 *You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 *Master, grant that I may see.*

For We CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD
ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

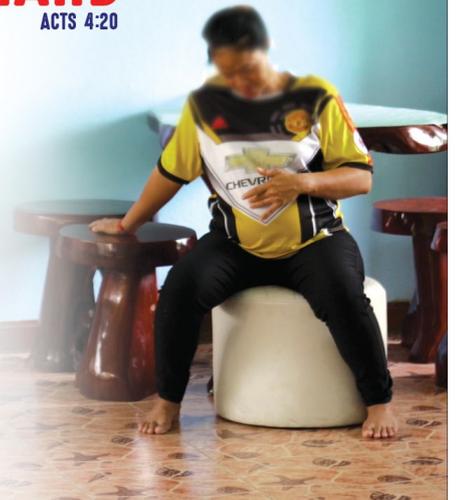
Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



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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 Call Parish Office

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 25th Nov @ 10.30am

PARISH TEAM:

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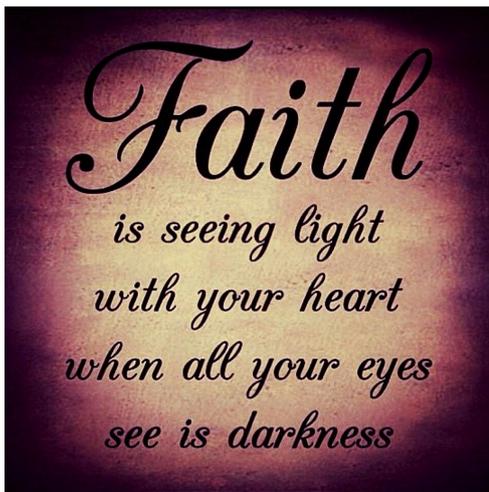
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On Wednesday St Thomas' School held a **Socketober House Shootout** to support Catholic Mission. Each student had an opportunity to kick a goal with Fr Christopher and Mr Armstrong as goal keepers. Pope Francis grew up playing with homemade soccer balls made of rags because leather balls were too expensive. In 2015, he initiated the **Sport at the Service of Humanity** movement. *This has contributed to soccer being a big part of Catholic Mission. Not only is it the world's most popular sport played in almost every country in the world, but it helps children to build a strong sense of community and unites people from all walks of life.*



The Week Ahead	
Sun - Oct 24th	Mass @ 8.30am Baptisms @ 10am Mass @ 5.30pm
Mon - Oct 25th	Mass @ 7am
Tues - Oct 26th	Mass @ 7am
Wed - Oct 27th	-
Thurs - Oct 28th	Mass @ 9am
Fri - Oct 29th	Mass @ 9am
Sat - Oct 30th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - Oct 31st	School House Mass @ 8.30am (Fr Christopher's Final Mass)



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, Marjorie Cusack, Sue Lamb, Jacob Mu, Megan Bowden, Camel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, Shirley Owen, June Colch

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

Parish News & Notices

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank Parish. A person with excellent administration and time management skills required for a part time position of Parish Secretary working 30 hours a week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/377982/parish-secretary-sunnybank-parish>

Applications close: 29 October 2021

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.



CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY PODCAST

Can science disprove God?

Is it valid to say that it's true for you but not true for me? Is there more to the human experience than what science can measure?

Find out in episode one of the **Catholic Christianity** podcast: *Reasons to Believe*, with Deacon Peter Pellicaan PhD.

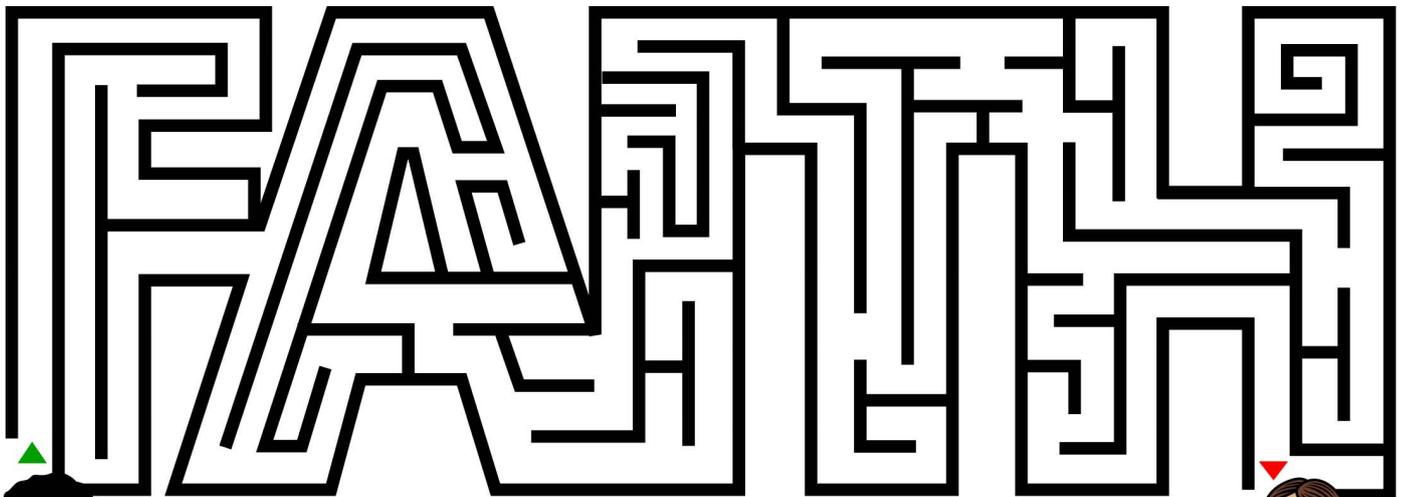
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ANGLICAN / ROMAN CATHOLIC RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Each year people from the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba and the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland (Diocese of Brisbane) gather to pray for greater mutual understanding and reconciliation.

This year's service will be hosted by our Archdiocese at St Stephen's Cathedral. The theme is centred on the Season of Creation: *"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Luke 12:32-34 NRSV)

Save **Thursday 4th November at 11am** into your diary and find out more via the event page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/263276095690241>



Bartimaeus was a blind man who begged Jesus to help him. He had faith that Jesus could make him see. Help Bartimaeus find his way to Jesus so that he can be healed.

