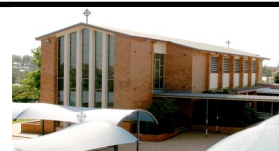


# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 3

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 January 2021



The good news is that we can come together and celebrate Mass this weekend!

Our three weekend Masses will be going ahead:

Saturday 16th January @ 5.30pm

Sunday 17th January @ 8.30am

Sunday 17th January @ 5.30pm

We are once again required to limit our numbers to one person per 4 square metres, and it is mandatory to wear a mask. There will be spare masks at the sign on desk if you forget! We look forward to seeing you this weekend.

For more information on the current restrictions, go to:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/news.../covid-19-updates/>

*Just a reminder too that there are no weekday Masses while Fr Christopher is on leave. The next weekday Mass will be celebrated on Monday 25th January at 7am. Please note, Mass on Tuesday 26th January will be celebrated at 9am as it is a public holiday.*



We thank Fr Pancras Jordan, who has celebrated our weekend Masses with us while Fr Christopher is away. Unfortunately his time with us was a bit interrupted due to lockdown but it is always a pleasure to have him and we are grateful for his time and commitment to our parish.

## *Gospel Reflection* by Greg Sunter

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st reading:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19 *Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 *Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42 *They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

### Deanery Scripture Study Update

The Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group is still running and was thankful to be able to complete the study of the Gospels of Matthew despite the Covid restrictions this year.

Over 30 people across the deanery are signed up for the next study which commences in late January.

The group are also hoping to run the 8 week 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible' course which is a simple course helping you to make sense of the Bible and how it relates to your everyday life.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information as it becomes available..

### Position Vacant – Youth Coordinator

Applications are open for the above position at the Sunnybank Parish.

The position is a part-time 20 hour role.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

*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.*



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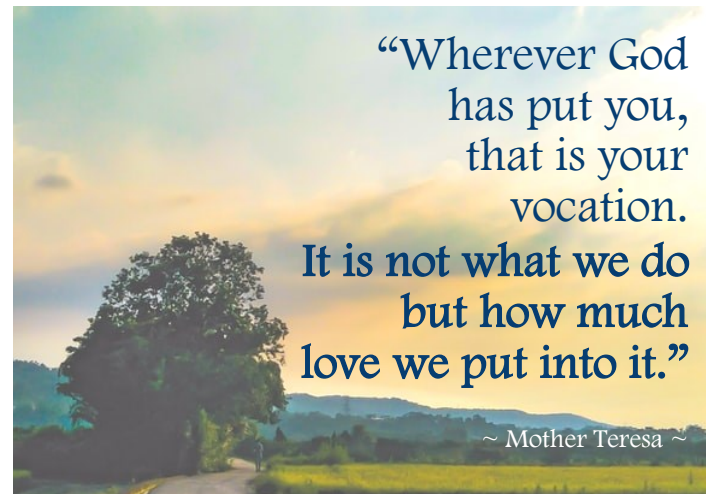
ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

As we begin a new year please remember the suffering Church. Your donation helps keep the faith alive during these difficult times. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org)

### Living the Gospel – Vocation

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, *vocare*, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.



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### Updating Prayers for the Sick

We would love to update our prayers for the sick list, remove any names that may have happily recovered and of course add anyone who may be in need. If you wouldn't mind taking a minute to check the list below and advising the parish of any changes via email at [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au) it would be appreciated. Thank you.



### We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Joan Burlew, 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, Peter Owen, Jacob Mu

### Recently Deceased: Mig Watkins

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Desmond Neave, Norma Lucas, Mervyn Scanlan, Pauline De Leacy, James Brown, Margaret Jones, Ellen Clarke, Mervyn Dean, Dorothy O'Brien, Florence Harris, Kevin Gee, Leo Burton, Vivian Aguila, Kenneth Russell, Norm White, Andrew Fleming, Maud Shannon, Olive Dean, Charlotte Gordon, Evelina Puntill, Thomas Mackenzie, Lea Trainor, Glen Carter, John Barker, Leo Ryan, Dennis Scott, Catherine Goodwin, Filippa Zammit, Russell Fitzpatrick, Ernest Swan, Ronald Henry, Ronald Ellis, Victoria Mercie, Tim O'Neil, Mary Hall, Myra Dickson, Teresa Simento, William 'Bill' Spamm, Josephine Podesta and Bruce McCormack.