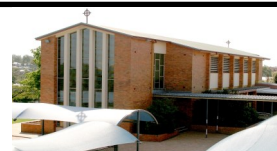


# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 41

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 October 2020



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PPC CHAIRPERSON...

In this week's gospel, Judas challenges the Pharisees to "...give back to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22, 1-14). How blessed are we to **belong** to God. We should take a moment to pause and to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', gently engraved on our hearts by baptism. We are created in the image and likeness of God" (Gen 1:26). We belong to God, not in a sense of being God's "property", but in the sense that we have a home in and with God. While we belong to society/community, that belonging can sometimes feel like it has conditions, that you have to act or look a certain way or hold certain beliefs and values to truly fit in. But not with God! You are loved and accepted just as you are, without condition.

Over the past few weeks I have had the cherished opportunity to chat with parishioners as they return to church and it is touching to hear the warmth in their hearts as they have that joy filled look on their faces while explaining how contented and renewed they feel at being back at mass. At seeing familiar faces and places! It is this sense of belonging to our community which is renewing hope that our world and lives will return to a sense of normality, safety and peace. Each week our numbers continue to grow. As a parish we want you to be assured that you are truly missed! There is nothing that can replace that feeling of belonging and connectedness like being together with each other and with our God.

This weekend our own children of God resume preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and our community will be witness again to love, belonging and connectedness. We also celebrate this weekend the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary MacKillop by Pope Benedict XVI. The theme chosen for this celebration is "Take Fresh Courage". This theme, reflecting the many challenges we have faced in 2020. Again let me reiterate on behalf of our parish community "we miss you"...bring *your* fresh courage and hope filled hearts and enjoy the company of friends at mass.

*Peace and Blessings, Caroline Sarra*



## World Mission Sunday - THIS WEEKEND

### Message from David McGovern, Director, Catholic Mission:

One of the constant messages the team at Catholic Mission receive from missionaries around the world is 'thank you'. The people we support, with the generosity of our donors, know how blessed they are by the Church here in Australia. That same note of gratitude is heard in today's 2nd reading, where Paul, Silvanus and Timothy all acknowledge the other members of the Thessalonian faith community in their prayers and give thanks for each of them. Missionaries we support and uphold express similar gratefulness.

When you contribute to the Catholic Mission appeal this weekend, you can be assured that you, your parish and others like it, will be remembered in prayer by those in places like Cambodia. Whether you give through a **text message** (Text the word GIVE to 0488 854 436, enter your parish name in the notes and follow the prompts), **donate online** ([catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia)) or give **via the traditional appeal envelope**, you are helping missionaries like Bishop Kike reach out and bring life to some of the most needy people in the world. On behalf of all of them, we, like Paul, give thanks.

*We welcome Gigi Duncan and Terese Pulle, parishioners and year 6 students at St Thomas' school who will speak to us as Ambassadors for the World Mission Appeal this weekend.*

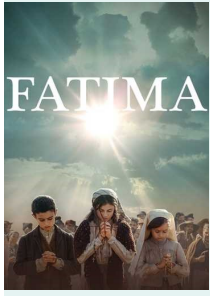
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**1st reading:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 *I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 *We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21 *Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

## Parish News & Notices



### FATIMA THE MOVIE

A group of parishioners are organising a group to go and see the newly released faith-based drama film 'Fatima'.

Fatima is an uplifting story about the power of faith based on the true story of the Blessed Virgin Mary appearing to three young children in Fatima in 1917.

You are invited to join them for this special event. They are hoping to get 16 attendees to book out the cinema for a private St Thomas' viewing.

#### Session details are as follows:

**Place:** Dendy Coorparoo @ Coorparoo Square

**Date:** Saturday 24th October

**Time:** 2pm

**Cost:** Adults \$12.50 / Students \$11.00

Child \$9.00 / Senior \$8.00

**Please contact Tammie on 0404 883 499 ASAP if you would like to join them.**



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 <https://bit.ly/2FDLtiH>



### St Vincent de Paul Food Appeal

A reminder that St Vincent de Paul are collecting non-perishables for those in need. A specially labelled container is available near the exit door in the church.

Offerings of small can(s) of fish, vegetables, pulses, beans, packets of pasta or rice are much appreciated.

**NB: This is not a Christmas appeal but will be used during the next few weeks.**

*Many thanks from SVDP Camp Hill Chapter*

Love recognizes no barriers.  
It jumps hurdles, leaps fences,  
penetrates walls to arrive at its  
destination full of hope.

Maya Angelou



### Book of Remembrance

The month of November is a time to remember those who have passed away. The Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Church during this time.

If you wish to add names to the Book of Remembrance, we ask that you contact the Parish Office directly via email ([stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au)) or phone (3398 1154).

Alternatively you can fill in an online form via our website:

<https://www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/book-of-remembrance.html>

**Please note, there is no need to re-list names which have been given previously.**

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### PALMS AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION COURSE — JANUARY 2021

Palms Australia places Australians with communities that request their particular expertise to help develop the skills of local people. Palms will enter its 60<sup>th</sup> year with an **Orientation Course** in **January 2021**. A fresh group of skilled and committed applicants will be thoroughly prepared for this cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities as soon as international travel resumes. If you are interested in learning more please visit [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au).



### PARISH GIVING APP

Check out our Parish Giving app to make contributing to the parish easier than ever:

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

*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

### 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

**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

