



# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 42

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 October 2020

St Thomas' Parish warmly welcome the children who are celebrating their First Holy Communion with our community this weekend. Once again we are unable to celebrate as fully as we have done in previous years and it has been an interrupted preparation for the children. We are proud of their commitment to this special sacrament and thank you, the parents and families, for helping to guide them through the preparation in prayerful and practical ways, and for being a living example to your children through your words and actions.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is the sharing in the body and blood of the Lord at Mass (Eucharist) for the first time. Pope Francis says 'The sacraments...are privileged places of encountering Christ'. When we receive Communion, we believe that we receive the person of Jesus into our very beings. We become one with him, and with each other, in a joyful and meaningful way. Eating and drinking with the rest of the community at Mass signifies that we now belong fully to that community. It is a joy to see our community embrace, and celebrate with, these children despite the restrictions placed upon us.

Particular thanks must go to all those who made this weekend's celebrations so meaningful, especially the Sacramental team, our school teachers, our floral decorators and music ministries.

Pope Benedict, when asked about his own First Holy Communion shared this beautiful memory:

*"I understood that Jesus had entered my heart, he had actually visited me. And with Jesus, God himself was with me. And I realised that this is a gift of love that is truly worth more than all the other things that life can give".*

We hope for our children that their First Holy Communion will be the beginning of a special journey and a lifelong friendship with Jesus.

*Blessings, Sr Analissa*



## ***Congratulations on your First Holy Communion***

May you always feel as close to Jesus  
as you do today,  
May you always count on Him  
to gently guide your way,  
May you always trust in God  
to answer every prayer,  
May you always feel Him blessing you  
with His loving care.

## ***Parish Finance Council Update***

*The Finance Council has recently met to consider a draft budget for the 2021 calendar year. Once the budget is finalised I will share a summary of it with you. Like many organisations in our community, the Parish experienced a decline in revenue during COVID-19 due to the closure of the church and restrictions on attendance at Mass. The Parish and the Archdiocese were eligible for JobKeeper support until 30 September 2020 however that eligibility has now ended. We are grateful to the community and government for this support.*

*On behalf of the Finance Council, I extend my thanks to all parishioners who have continued to support the Parish via direct debit and credit card donations. Your giving allows us to continue to develop as a faith community. I'm especially grateful to those who made an additional effort to drop in envelopes and cash gifts to the Parish office. You can also now give via the Parish Giving App (see over page for details).*

*The pandemic has demonstrated we have much to do as a community into 2021 and highlighted the need for the Archdiocese and its parishes to modernise its systems and improve digital communication channels with parishioners and our community. We look forward to your continued support in 2021.*

*Best wishes, Anthony Oostenbroek, PFC Chair*

## **Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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



### 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.**



### 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 over the next few weeks.**

*Many thanks from SVDP Camp Hill Conference*

**What is the mark of love for your neighbour?  
Not to seek what is for your own benefit,  
but what is for the benefit of the one loved,  
both in body and in soul.**

Saint Basil

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### Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

### PARISH TEAM:

**Parish Priest** - Fr Christopher Obi  
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### Children's Ministry Coordinator

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### Parish Secretary

Ms Lisa Moroney

### Praise with Song

Starting this weekend, our St Thomas' Music Ministry invite you to join us each Sunday morning from 8am for 15-20 of minutes of 'praise with song' before Mass.



We will be singing new hymns and old favourites. This is not a choir - everyone is welcome to join us to prepare for worship with uplifting and prayerful song.

We hope to see you there!



### Thank You from Catholic Mission

*"You must love your neighbour as yourself..."*

Last week, the Universal Church, including this parish, celebrated World Mission Sunday - a time in the liturgical calendar when Catholics acknowledge, and give thanks for, the sacrifice made by priests, brothers and religious sisters around the world, as they serve people in need by bringing hope, faith and love.

It is these people, who model the compassion and grace of God, that you were invited to support through the Catholic Mission appeal. If you haven't yet made a donation, you can still do so, in one of three ways: **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 appeal envelopes still available in your church.

To all those who did contribute, by donating or offering prayers, we thank you. May the Lord bless all of you and sustain your community at this challenging social time, just as you have sustained other communities around the world.



Aid to the Church in Need

### Red Wednesday.

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On 25 November the Pontifical Foundation *Aid to the Church in Need* is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith. Find out more: [www.redwednesday.org](http://www.redwednesday.org).



PARISH GIVING

### 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:** 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:** John Stonehouse of Launceston, Tas (stepfather to Steve Kelly). Aged 96, long term volunteer and strong supporter of St Vincent de Paul.

### 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

