

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 43

All Saints

01 November 2020

The Feast of All Saints is an opportunity to remember, reflect and honour the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous and steeped in genuine holiness. I am sure we all know people who were steeped in this genuine holiness! We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness.

Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount gives us a picture of the true disciples of God. You may be able to picture for yourself the link between those we speak of above and the challenges and trials they endured to find their way to be recognised as saintly in our eyes. The Beatitudes teach that people are blessed even in hard times and they will receive eternity in heaven. They are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are but are more so an attitude for life; A positive spin on how to know and meet God. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation.

I wish to acknowledge again the strength and positive, hope filled attitudes I witness each week in our own Parish community. From our parents and children who have patiently and respectfully made adjustments to value the Sacramental Program; to our parishioners who have adhered to COVID safe plans; to our volunteers and Parish staff who have given energy and joyfulness to ensuring our Parish is OPEN and vibrant during these challenging times and of course to all who attend mass, engage with our Facebook page, read newsletters and continue to be a part of the planned giving program. We are blessed by your spirit and thoughtfulness!

Just a few reminders of how we are responding as a Parish to the guidelines set by the Archdiocese to keep all safe.

We:

- Complete a precise COVID clean after each mass following set guidelines
- Sign parishioners in at the door and gather details required.
- Provide sanitiser on entry
- At times of larger celebrations set number restrictions and require sign up. **STARTING BACK NEXT WEEK REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED TILL CHRISTMAS MASSES. PLEASE FLOOD OUR PEWS FREELY!**
- Keep you informed of changes via newsletter (call office if you would like to receive these online)
- Will be returning to Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass next week following COVID safe food service guidelines.
- May be able to coordinate a lift to mass if required. Please call through to Parish office if interested.

I cannot tell you how heart-warming it was to see our church filled last weekend with Parishioners and Holy Communion participants and their families. **PLEASE PLEASE** take the opportunity to return to Mass. You are safe, but most importantly **MISSED!** Can I ask you all to take the challenge.... come along, invite your neighbour, your friend... pick up someone who you know has not been attending mass or let them know we are waiting with open arms and smiling faces to see you there!

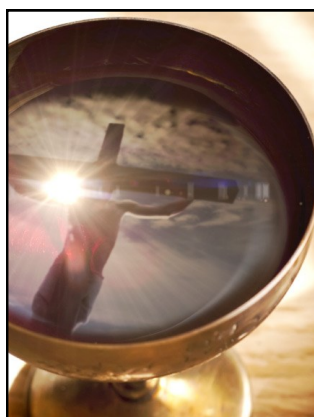
*Peace and blessing to you for the upcoming week,
Caroline Sarra*

Solemnity of All Saints

1st reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14 *I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 *We shall see God as he really is.*

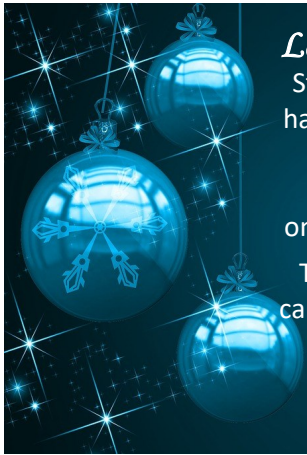
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*



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 News & Notices



Lord Mayor's Christmas Party

St Thomas' Care & Concern Group have once again secured two tables at the Annual Lord Mayor's Christmas Party on Thursday 3rd December @ 9am.

The group will meet in the parish carpark at 8.30am for taxi transport.

Seats are limited so please
RSVP to the Parish Office ASAP
to reserve your place.



CHRISTMAS DATE CLAIMER

The Annual Care & Concern
Healing Mass and Morning Tea
is on **Thursday 26th November**.
Invitations will be sent next week.

Please let the Parish Office know if
you'd like to be on our invitation list
- or know someone else who might.

Praise with Song

Our St Thomas' Music Ministry invite you to join us each Sunday morning from 8am for 15-20 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!

Rest in Peace:

Bill Castley, brother to Paul Castley a former MSC Parish Priest at St Thomas', passed away on Thursday 29th October. Please contact Paul Bertini if you would like more information.



Sign up to receive a Daily Gospel Reflection in your inbox at 6am each day (Mon to Fri). Just a 3 minute read written by Catholic lay people (from Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website

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Looking for Accommodation:

I have recently emigrated to Brisbane from Christchurch, NZ, and am looking for temporary paid granny flat accommodation, ideally on the south side, from 21 November. I know the Brisbane Council constraints on occupancy in granny flats, hence the reason for this advertisement.

I am a middle aged, single woman who attends weekly mass & Bible study group in Brisbane south side. In Christchurch, I was on the Christ The King parish council for many years up until March of this year. and participated in a bible study group for 14 years there.

Contact: Leonie Constable - 0413 727 345, leonie.constable@gmail.com



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

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: Bill Castley, John Stonehouse

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

