

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 44

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

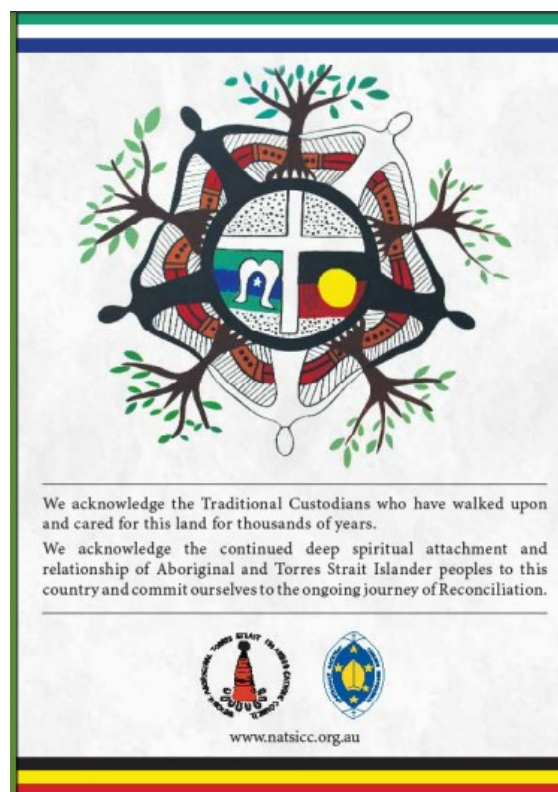
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In its original use in the gospel, 'talent' meant nothing more than a large sum of money. It is a happy development of language that the word eventually came to its more common meaning of a special natural ability. Bring to mind something that you are good at. Do you share this talent with other people? Or are you afraid that even if you gave it your best, you wouldn't be good enough? Lots of people hide their talents because they feel embarrassed or because they are afraid they will be made fun of. But God doesn't want you to live your life being too afraid to shine. YOU were created to live life to the full, to work hard at developing your gifts and to take a risk by share your gifts with others. We are called to be brave and proud of who you are and what you have to offer.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them". This parable challenges us to recognise that with God's immense blessings comes great responsibilities. It is our responsibility to realise that we are now living in the kingdom. We are not just waiting to go to the kingdom. It is the here and now! Live our lives to the full in goodness and with faith.

As we draw to a close NAIDOC week, where we recognise our First Nations people, it is fitting to reflect on the parallel where the handing over of the talents in this gospel is associated with the passing on of the traditions of God's people; a practice which is the very foundation of our First Nations people. In a world divided by political and economic ideologies, Pope Francis' newest encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship' challenges 'all people of goodwill, to view the 'other' as a neighbour, a brother, a sister'. The 2020 theme of NAIDOC week "Always Was, Always Will Be" recognises that our First Nations brothers and sisters have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years and in doing so the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have applied their talents in many ways for the betterment of all who now occupy these lands. They were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first astronomers, first artists and first diplomats. Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies.

Christ brings all cultures to a fullness. He reached out to others, He did not just wait for them to come to Him. Following His example we reach out in love and mutual respect to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island brothers and sisters. God calls us to be brave and proud of who we are and what we have to offer. So my challenge to you this week is to reach out, let your light shine and I look forward to seeing you all in church over the next few weeks as we prepare for Advent.



Peace and blessings, *Caroline Sarra*, PPC Chairperson

Lord Mayor's Christmas Party
Thursday 3rd December @ 9am

ONLY FOUR (4) SEATS STILL AVAILABLE
FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT.

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

Please contact the Parish Office ASAP if interested.

"God gives us our talents
not to put our names in lights,
but to bring light into the lives of others."

Author Unknown

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 *Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 *Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Parish News & Notices

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, Jacob Mu

Recently Deceased: Maureen Twomey

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Harold Homann, Margaret McCann, Helen Malcolm, Leonardo Mariano, Leonard Smith, Mary McMahon, Arthur (Jim) Poole, Leo Shipperley, Cliff Dennis, Marie Holdsworth, Harold Gilder, Margaret Kilmartin, Joyce Ireland, Patricia Hodges, Anna Graham, Patricia Peake, Norman Corrie, Reg Gamble, Shelia O'Donoghue, Brieon Down, William Bozier, Moira Murphy, Rose Knauth, Genevieve Phelan, Grace Spann, Stephen Lam, Robert Rafter, Luigi Marinucci, John Fry, Janina Pokoj, Eugene Vidulich, Elva Hargraves, Celie Cosgrove & Basil Nolan



LAUNCH OF RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN - NOVEMBER 17

On Tuesday 17 November the Archdiocesan Reconciliation Action Plan will be launched with Mass in the Cathedral. Archbishop Mark conveyed a message of endorsement to members of the local church, and the wider community, saying "My ardent hope and prayer is that Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples will be encouraged, empowered and supported in every way, so that the entire People of God will be enriched by the gifts which they alone can bring."

You can livestream the Mass from 1.30pm on Tuesday 17th November at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>, and about 2 hours thereafter on demand at www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8-1Dil2Zzb_v0khKGn5WkAxsRJgEqwE



St Thomas'
A heart for mind and spirit

CALL TO OUR ST THOMAS' FRIENDS GROUP

OUR AIM - Offering support in the form of meals for people in our community in time of need, due to unexpected emergencies.

We are delighted to report that this special group of volunteers have been helping people in our parish for 5 years this year! With all the restrictions due to Covid-19, we have not been operating with our usual rosters, however as we move forward we are now being asked for more assistance. The reason for our message is twofold:

1. We are always looking for new members so, if you would like to be part of this group, please email your interest to stthomasfriends1@gmail.com.
2. We are asking those on our roster to make a meal or cake/biscuit/slice that is suitable to be frozen and given out when required. At this stage we are just putting out a call to cover this period as we lead in to the end of the school year and Christmas time. We will be in touch with more requests as required on the St Thomas' Friends email.

If you are able to provide a meal or sweet, we are asking you to drop your contribution at the parish office between **Monday 23 November and Friday 4 December**. Office hours are Mon, Tues Thurs & Fri from 8.30am to 1.30pm.

Alternatively, email stthomasfriends1@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support

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PARISH TEAM:

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Parish Secretary

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Merry Christmas

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CAROLING!

5:30pm Friday, December 18th 2020

Laugh, Sing, Ring Bells and celebrate Christmas on the lawn at St Thomas' Parish.

Carol singing will be recorded to spread the message of Peace, Joy and Hope to Parish/School Community (optional)

Practice sessions - Friday 4th Dec and 11th Dec at 5:30pm, St Thomas' Parish Hall

Don't miss this memorable family event!

Come in Christmas bling!

RSVP 11th December

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(COVID safe plan in place)