



# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 46

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **Office hours**

8:30 am - 1:30pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

## **MASS TIMES:**

### **Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	5.30pm

### **Weekday Eucharist**

Monday	6.30am
Tuesday	6.30am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Public Holiday	9.00am

## **Reconciliation**

Friday	6.00pm
Saturday	5.00pm

## **Adoration and Benediction**

1st Friday After 9am Mass

## **Anointing of the Sick during Mass**

Thursday 5th December 2019  
@10.30am

## **PARISH TEAM:**

### **Parish Priest**

#### **Fr Christopher Obi**

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### **Children's Ministry Coordinator**

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### **Parish Secretary**

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## **SCHOOL:**

### **St Thomas' School (P-6)**

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**Principal** Mike Armstrong  
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*All praise to God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ - Ephesians 1:3*

With these words, we say, for the umpteenth time, a huge thank you to our volunteers, for another wonderful year of active and visible service. Your generosity, time, and energy are the reasons why our liturgy reaches God like incense [Ps. 141:2]. Your commitment and dedication are the reasons why parish administration, life, spirituality and sense of community bloom and fructify.

Thank you to the members of PPC, PFC, and Liturgy Group. Thank you to the youth leaders, Care & Concern group and those who support our Deanery. Thank God for our sacristans and mass organisers, readers, collectors, counters and ushers. We are grateful to our young altar servers, our communion ministers during and outside mass, our Children liturgy leaders and baptism volunteers and our sacramental team. An amazing thank you to our Craft 4 Causes group, Vinnies, Morning tea servers and our St Thomas' Friends group. Thank you to the ladies who donate their time in decorating our altar with flowers, those who clean the church, those who contribute to our music ministry and choirs both old and young and those who assist in the office; the list goes on! We also celebrate our school teachers and the school leadership team. Thank you for influencing our children positively.

Thank you all because your humility, creativity and shared time are proven ways of knowing what to be in kinship with God through Christ means.

We cannot stop here. We thank God for the young families whose choice for our parish has increased our numbers. We're grateful to God for the gift of the sacrament of baptism. Indeed, it is our dream to have you attend mass always. Perhaps, however, it is right to note once and for all, that we remain committed to sharing the many spiritual blessings God has given us with you through the Eucharist. And may God bless everyone who worked behind the scenes in making this year 2019, a success.

Have a blessed week ahead.

## **REMINDERS:**

### **Parish Engagement with the Plenary Council 2020**

Are you interested in joining a series of small subgroups to investigate one of the themes of the Plenary Council and discuss what this might look like and implications for St Thomas'? If you are interested, please email the Parish Office at [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au) and include the theme/s you are interested in

The six themes of the Plenary Council are:

- \* Missionary and evangelising
- \* Inclusive, participatory and synodal
- \* Prayerful and Eucharistic
- \* Humble, healing and merciful
- \* A joyful, hope-filled and servant community
- \* Open to conversion, renewal and reform

### **Nominations for Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council**

Paul Mead will be stepping down as Chair of the PPC after two years in the role. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please contact Fr Christopher or Lisa, or feel welcome to speak to Paul directly about the role.

### **Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st reading:** Malachi 3:19-20 *The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

**2nd Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 *Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19 *Your endurance will win you your life.*



### We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Betty Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Matilda Elisabeth Swain, Joan Burlew, Betty Smith, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Jim Clifford, Tom Grant and Lauren Balcombe

**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

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

*Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first.*

~ George Matthew Adams ~

### MINISTERS NEEDED

With Christmas fast approaching, we ask you to consider your availability to minister at our Christmas Masses. We will need volunteers for the usual roles of:

- \* Mass Organiser
- \* Collector
- \* Welcomer
- \* Reader
- \* Communion Minister
- \* Altar Server
- \* AV Operator

There will be a sign on sheet in the Sacristy and we will also email each Ministry so keep an eye out!

**Thank you, as always, for your support.**



### FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER @ 2PM.

Help is needed to clean the silverware, ready for Christmas.

This is a very simple job which only takes around one hour...less if we get helpers. If you can help, please meet at the church on the day.

### 2019 NATIVITY PLAY

The children of St Thomas' parish are invited join the Christmas Nativity play at the Family Christmas Mass on **Tuesday 24th December 2019 at 5.30pm.**



Please call **Tammie Davis on 0404 883 499 by 18th December** with the names of the children who would like to take part. We would also appreciate any help with the planning & preparation of the play.

### SOME TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

**Lord Mayor's Senior's Christmas Party  
Monday 2nd December**

We will depart St Thomas' carpark at 11.30am and travel via Maxi Taxi to City Hall.

**If you are interested, please contact the parish office.**

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

We require donations of single store gift vouchers from KMART, TARGET, BEST & LESS, COLES & WOOLWORTHS. *Unfortunately we can't accept Coles/Myer or Woolworths group (Wish) cards or Mastercard/Visa vouchers.* The minimum value of vouchers is \$5. Any amount you can offer is appreciated.

Cash/cheque donations are also very welcome. Tax receipts for \$2 or more are available for cash/cheque donations (but not for vouchers). If you'd like a receipt, please include name and address with the donation.

**Donations can be placed in the locked box on the wall at the back of the church or on the collection plate at Mass in a clearly marked envelope. Thank you!**

### JOIN THE BELL RINGERS OF ST THOMAS'!

Spreading the Christmas message of Peace, Hope and Joy in 2019

In December 2018, a group of St Thomas Parish families visited the Mater Hospital to sing Christmas Carols. Our aim was to bring the Christmas spirit to patients but also teach our children about the giving aspect of the season.

We are looking forward to doing this again in 2019 and invite anyone from the school or parish to attend. **Date: Wednesday, 18th December, 2019**

We will travel by bus, leaving St Thomas' car park at 5.15pm and returning approximately 7.30pm with a pizza dinner at 7pm) Each child attending will be asked to contribute a handmade bookmark for the patients, with a message reflecting our Christ-





We give special thanks to each of  
our wonderful volunteers  
for sharing their time and talent  
with our parish community,  
We appreciate everything you do!

"Christ has no body but yours,  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours"  
~ Teresa of Avila ~

## Baptisms

We welcome...

**Lucy Emily Rogers**, daughter of Emma & Luke and  
**Arlo Michael Thomas Buesel**, son of Mikayla  
being baptised in our Church this weekend.

*May Jesus, who loves all children, bless your  
precious child with His love and peace  
on this special day and always*



## STYPS

Applications are now open for

### Enrolment in STYPS

(StThomas Young Parish Singers)

For children in Years 4, 5 & 6 in **2020**

STYPS is a group of children who contribute to the  
**Music Ministry** of St Thomas' Parish  
by leading the singing at:

- Sacramental celebrations
- Some weekend Parish Eucharistic celebrations
- Some St Thomas' School liturgical celebrations

Enrolment forms are available  
at St Thomas' Church on  
**THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER**  
Between 7.45 and 8.30am

Thanks for your support,  
Bronwyn (Leader of STYPS)



Join us to celebrate another successful year at St Thomas' Parish and congratulate the children in our parish who have recently completed sacraments of initiation.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Tuesday 26th November for catering purposes.

If you can help with the BBQ or bring a salad, please let the office know.

### The Week Ahead

Sun - Nov 17	Community Mass & Morning Tea Craft 4 Causes Stall Baptisms - 10am
Mon - Nov 18	Playgroup 9am
Tue - Nov 19	
Wed - Nov 20	
Thur - Nov 21	STYPS Rehearsal - 8am Finance Council Meeting - 7pm
Fri - Nov 22	Mahjong - 9.30am
Sat - Nov 23	First Reconciliation workshop @ 4.15pm
Sun - Nov 24	Feast of Christ the King

### Liturgy Roster

23 & 24 November	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
<b>Mass Organisers</b>	Maria Loyola	Annette Bongiorno	Brian & Chris Harding
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Annabelle Yeates	Riley Gaffney Erin Gaffney William Dolphin	-
<b>Readers</b>	Diane Kearney Charlotte Yeates Eliza Yeates	Damien Rossi Trish McGrath Terry McGrath	Brian Harding Melissa Zulpo Lara Zulpo
<b>Communion</b>	Amanda Yeates	Amanda Sheridan Lyn Kasatchenko Letitia Lee	Chris Harding A Marinucci-Kelly Tim Stephens
<b>AV Operators</b>	-	-	-



## National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought in November.

People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible.

Bookmark copies of the prayer can be found on the newsletter stands to take home.

Find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

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### COSSAG

**Christmas market  
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**Saturday 30/11  
2pm to 7:30pm  
with live music**

**Sunday 1/12  
9am to 3pm  
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**lights**  
OF CHRISTMAS  
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