

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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First Sunday of Advent

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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:

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The Season of Advent



Did you know...

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning coming and encompasses the four Sundays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. It seems fitting that Advent is the beginning of the liturgical calendar, for it is a season of spiritual preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

This week you will notice a change to the liturgical decorations in our church. The liturgical colour for the season of Advent is violet or purple, symbolising preparation and repentance.

A popular symbol of Advent is a wreath decorated with candles. The four candles mark the four weeks before Christmas. Traditionally three candles are purple with the candle for the third, or "Gaudete", Sunday being rose.

Each candle customarily represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The first candle is the Candle of Hope. Hope is a light that can brighten a dark place. We put our hope in Jesus as our Saviour.

Each week during Advent we will publish a calendar with some small actions to help us all to live Advent in our daily lives.

Sun 1st December	<i>Start to decorate your Christmas Tree. Set up your Advent wreath & light the first candle</i>
Mon 2nd December	<i>Read your favourite bible story near the Christmas tree</i>
Tues 3rd December St Francis Xavier	<i>St Francis is the patron saint of missionaries. Support the work of Caritas</i>
Wed 4th December Dedication of St Stephens Cathedral	<i>Pray for our local church</i>
Thurs 5th December	<i>Look around - pray for the important people in your life</i>
Fri 6th December St Nicholas	<i>St Nicholas is the patron saint of children. Pray for those who feel alone and sad at Christmas.</i>
Sat 7th December St Ambrose	<i>St Ambrose gave all he had to the poor. Support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.</i>



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: Benjamin Longland, Francis Cosgrove, Arthur Gorski, Leslie Dossetto, Allan Rogers, Margaret Catchpole, Olive Dean, John Milford, Kathleen Jessop, Madge Sapsford, William Peake, Daniel Barry, Marjorie Croft, Fred White, Margaret White, Barry Harding, Susan Ballinger, Jack Ballinger, Theresa Hourigan, Nancy Dowling, Patrick Radford, John McKenna, Ken Murray, Ruby Johnston, Mary McNamara, Margaret Goakes, Patricia O'Leary



A reminder that our
**Healing Mass and
Care & Concern Christmas Lunch**
will be on Thursday 5th December.

Mass will be at 10.30am followed
by lunch in the Parish Hall.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to
Veronica on 0438 826 524 by Mon 2nd December.

**There will be no 9am Mass
on Thursday 5th December.**



Please Note:

The Parish Office will be closed from
Friday 6th December to Wednesday
11th December and will reopen on
Thursday 12th December.

2019 NATIVITY PLAY

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



Please call **Tammie on 0404 883 499 by 18th December.**
We would also appreciate any help with the planning & preparation of the play.

Safeguarding Reminder

Many thanks to our numerous volunteers who have been so helpful in getting your Archdiocesan Volunteer Registrations done. We really appreciate your efforts.

A reminder to those who haven't yet had a chance to register, or still have some paperwork to complete, that we will need these completed ASAP.

Go to the Welcome Portal to start:

<http://archbne.org/welcome>

Please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or need help with the process.

Safeguarding is everybody's business.



MINISTERS NEEDED

We need people to minister at Christmas Masses for the roles of:

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

A sign on sheet is in the Sacristy!

Thank you, as always, for your support.

This Christmas, when Christ comes,
will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by
loving and serving others
with God's own love
and concern.

~ Mother Teresa ~

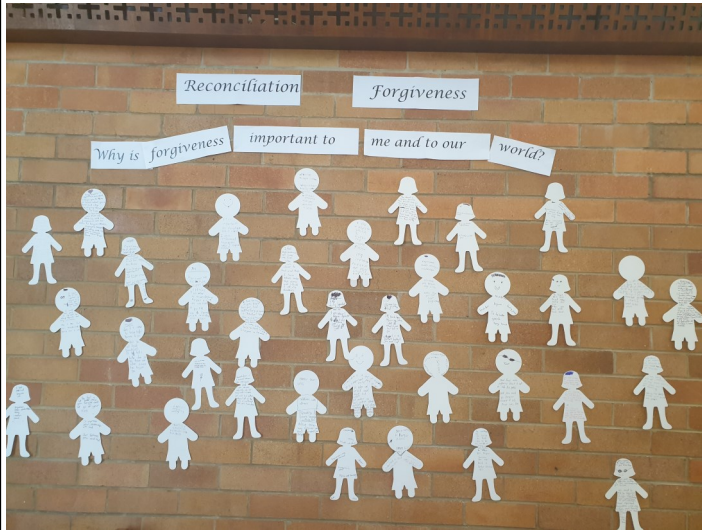
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal **Donations needed by Monday 9th December**

We are still collection donations of single store gift vouchers (Kmart/Target/Coles/Woolworths). *We are not able to accept Coles/Myer, Woolworths Group (Wish) or Mastercard/Visa cards.* Any amount is appreciated (min voucher value is \$5).

Cash/cheque donations also very welcome. If you'd like a receipt (cash/cheque only), please include name & 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 in a marked envelope.

Parish News & Notices



First Reconciliation

This Saturday, children in our parish community celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, the last in their Sacraments of Initiation.

At last week's workshop the children were asked to reflect on what reconciliation meant to them and their answers are on the wall near the Sacristy door. It is beautiful to see how much thought the children have put into their answers.

We thank Sr Annalisa & her team for preparing the children well and we ask you to keep the children, and their families, in your prayers.

May they be blessed with His holy joy and peace as they celebrate God's loving forgiveness for the first time.



St Thomas the Apostle Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve ~ TUESDAY 24th December *

5.30pm - Christmas Family Mass

7.30pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day – WEDNESDAY 25th December

8.30am - Christmas Morning Mass

- Christmas Carols will be sung 20 minutes before each Mass on Christmas Eve.

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Week Ahead

Sun - Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent
Mon - Dec 2	Playgroup 9am
Tue - Dec 3	
Wed - Dec 4	Grade 6 Rite of Passage
Thur - Dec 5	STYPS Rehearsal - 8am Healing Mass @ 10.30am Care & Concern Christmas Lunch Combined Parish Meeting @ 7pm
Fri - Dec 6	School End of Year Liturgy @ 11am
Sat - Dec 7	
Sun - Dec 8	Baptisms @ 10am

Liturgy Roster

7 & 8 December	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
Mass Organisers	Moyra Walls	Amanda Sheridan	Tim Stephens
Altar Servers	-	Fionn Rossi Hugo Rossi William Robinson	-
Readers	Brian Kilmartin Maria Loyola	Mary Shearer Nicola Roborgh Violet Barras	A Oostenbroek H Oostenbroek
Communion	Brian Percy	Amanda Sheridan Neal Dallas	Hannah Elder Tim Stephens A Oostenbroek
AV Operators	-	Henry Barras	-

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CAROLING!

Wednesday, December 18th 2019

Spread the message of Peace, Hope and Joy at the
Mater Hospital this Christmas!

Sing carols, distribute personalized bookmarks,
enjoy a return bus ride and pizza dinner (optional)

Bus departs 5:15pm, St Thomas Parish Carpark, Camp Hill

*Attendance of one practice session is compulsory
Sunday 1st Dec or 15th Dec at 3pm, St Thomas Parish Hall*

Contact Tammie Davis 0404 883 499

for bus reservations

RSVP 1st December



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish

invites applications for the part time position of
Parish Office Coordinator
28 hours per week over 4 days

This role provides administrative support to Parish Priest/
Parish Councils in these areas:

- Manage, coordinate and oversee Building maintenance projects and Property upgrades
- Document, prepare and report to Councils
- Manage Workplace Health and Safety issues, Programs & Audits as per Archdiocesan guidelines.
- Communicate with School Principals, OSHC
- Coordinate Pastoral & Finance Councils, including forming and delivering Agreements between these parties
- Liaise with all relevant Archdiocesan Bodies.

Applications close 6 December 2019.

For more information, please contact HR Coordinator,
James Herd on 07 3324 3331 or herdj@bne.catholic.net.au

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

*"Love, Hope, Faith on Fire.
Awaken brought me closer to
God"*



**JOIN US FOR PRAISE & WORSHIP,
TALKS & HEALING**

**Saturday 7 December 6pm
47 Dornoch Tce, West End**

 Awaken.org.au



lights
OF CHRISTMAS
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

**11 - 24
December**

**6.30pm carols
7pm light show
(every 12 minutes)**

FREE

249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane