



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Second Sunday of Advent

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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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About as far from mere imaginations as one could get, one can never tell! As told in the story by Anthony de Mello from his *Song of the Bird*: A village priest was distracted at his prayer by children and to get rid of them he said, "*Hurry to the river, and you'll see a monster breathing fire through his nostrils.*" Soon the whole village heard of this monstrous apparition and rushed to the same river. The priest too joined the crowd, and as he panted his way through the four solid miles, he kept saying to himself, "*It is true I invented the story, but you never can tell!*" The point, of course, is that the right attitude towards reinforcing our belief is to convince others of its existence or reality. In other words, to convince others of the presence of something, one must first accept on a personal level the truth of such fact.

By analogy, then, the Advent season describes the new world that has dawned with the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the First reading, the prophet Isaiah relates his vision to his kinsmen and women, of what a society that is a real paradise looks like. All manner of hostilities disappear, and harmony is re-established not only on the level of humans alone but between humans and God. With such powerful proclamation, Isaiah was also reinforcing his own belief in the coming of a kingdom of peace; a similar atmosphere of peace which the paradise garden of Eden represented before the sin of Adam and Eve.

True, this second week of Advent, we are called to change of heart. More importantly, we represent the shoot of the family of David; those entrusted with the responsibility to create in the world the society Isaiah dreamed off. By its very meaning, Advent, therefore, implies that unless we keep growing in the change of heart, the Kingdom of God fails to be established. That is, the Kingdom, where love and peace should reign supremely.

This is why, as a community helping to build a virtually new world of peace and love, the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on the 17th December, 7pm, is an essential first step in firing up and sustaining our change of heart after the mind of our Lord Jesus Christ. I will also be offering individual confessions at 7pm on 18th December. Try and be part of this excellent opportunity, as a Parish, for community renewal.

Enjoy your week!
Fr Christopher

Advent. Did you know...

The second candle of Advent, the Bethlehem candle, represents peace. It symbolizes the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Jesus came to bring peace; to bring people closer to God and to each other.



Please see inside for this week's Advent calendar.

Second Sunday of Advent

1st reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10 He judges the poor with justice.*

2nd Reading: *Romans 15: 4-9 Christ, the hope of all people.*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:1-12 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand..*



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

Reconciliation during Advent



Second Rite of Reconciliation
Tuesday 17th December at 7pm

Individual Confessions
Wednesday 18th December at 7pm



Please Note:

The Parish Office is closed Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th December and will reopen on Thursday 12th December.



DONATIONS NEEDED - FINAL WEEK St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all who have contributed to the appeal. Our donations are a bit low this year and we ask you to please consider buying a Coles or Woolies voucher when you are next doing the shopping for the SVDP Christmas Appeal.

We can accept any single store gift vouchers (Kmart/Target/Coles/Woolworths). *We are unable to accept Coles/Myer, Woolworths Group (Wish) or Mastercard/Visa cards.* Any amount appreciated (min voucher value \$5). Cash/cheque donations also welcome.

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.

Thank You

Special thanks to Moyra, Trish, Lyn & Chris for giving up their time to polish the silver last week.

It looks fabulous - sparkling and ready for Christmas!

We really appreciate your help.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to each of our wonderful volunteers for everything you do. All parish volunteers are required to meet certain Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding requirements.

If you haven't yet started your registration, or would like to volunteer for something, please register via the link below and we will be in touch!



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To complete your
Volunteer Registration

Go to <http://archbne.org/welcome>

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.

Baptisms

We welcome...

Maddison Estelle Keast,
daughter of Kylie & Alexander
and
Clara Ola-Mai Thomson,
daughter of Greg & Dawn



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*

Parish News & Notices

Sun 8th December Second Sunday of Advent	<i>Add more decorations to your Christmas Tree & light two candles on the Advent wreath.</i>
Mon 9th December Immaculate Conception of Mary	<i>Pray the Hail Mary before your evening meal.</i>
Tues 10th December	<i>Make a card for your grandparents and thank them for their love and care.</i>
Wed 11th December St Damasus	<i>Pray that St Damasus will help you choose to do the things that God wants you to do.</i>
Thurs 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	<i>Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and pray for the people of Mexico</i>
Fri 13th December St Lucy	<i>On the feast of St Lucy, visit the 'Lights of Christmas' at St Stephen's Cathedral.</i>
Sat 14th December St John of the Cross	<i>Make and deliver Christmas treats to your neighbours.</i>

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

Liturgy Roster

The Week Ahead

The Week Ahead		14 & 15 December	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
Sun - Dec 8	First Sunday of Advent	Mass Organisers	Jeff McKee	Angela Moore	Kathryn Flint & Caroline Sarra
Mon - Dec 9	Parish Office Closed	Altar Servers	Sam Greer Jamie Edwards	Harrison Chong Rocco Veraa Yannick Cotta	-
Tue - Dec 10	Parish Office Closed	Readers	Maria Loyola Michael Williamson	Paul Liddy Glynn Liddy Paul Mead	Kathryn Flint John Mackie
Wed - Dec 11	Grade 6 Rite of Passage	Communion	Clare Flynn Ellen Greer	Paul Bertini Kay Bertini Terry Thompson	Caroline Sarra Judith Molloy
Thur - Dec 12		AV Operators	Jeff McKee	-	-
Fri - Dec 13					
Sat - Dec 14					
Sun - Dec 15	3rd Sunday of Advent				



Thanks to all those who came along to our Parish BBQ last Saturday to celebrate the end of a successful year.

Special thanks to Jeff, Calum & Lachlan, Stuart, Liam & Stella, Richard & Matthew for cooking the BBQ and helping to set up, serve and pack up. Thanks also to those who bought delicious salads and helped clean up and to all who shared the meal with us. It was a really lovely chance to take a minute to sit and chat with other parishioners.



We would love to continue to host such events next year. If you have any great ideas and would like to be involved in building hospitality within our parish, please let the parish office know.



This year we were lucky to have two tables at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Lunch. All who went enjoyed a wonderful lunch and some great entertainment.



On Thursday STYPS held their last rehearsal for the year, before leading the singing at the End of Year School Liturgy on Friday.

STYPS have done an amazing job this year leading the singing at approximately ten Parish & School celebrations throughout the year. None of this would be possible without the wonderful leadership of Bronwyn and Neisha (pictured) who work hard all year to make it happen.

The children thanked them with a well-deserved gift at rehearsal.