



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 4

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th January 2022

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Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday 7.00am
Tuesday 7.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
Public Holiday 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday evenings 5.00-5.20pm

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 17th March @ 10.30am

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Our view of God...

The following is a story told about a little boy in a religion class. The teacher had given the children some free time to draw a picture. After a while, the teacher asked the children to describe the picture they were drawing. The boy answered, "I'm drawing a picture of God." "No one knows what God looks like. No one has ever seen Him" the teacher responded. The boy just smiled and said, "When I get through, I will show you what God looks like!"

In a sense we could say that Jesus Christ drew for us a picture of what God is like. And because He drew it in His own body, soul and spirit the picture is the reality. Our gospel reading points to an essential element of the reality that is God. God is sovereign; He is universal, a God of all peoples; nobody is excluded from His love. Jesus came to preach the good news about the mercy of God to those open to receive it. The challenge for us is to have an idea about God based on what Jesus taught about the Father. Our impression of God should also have an effect on our daily living. If we were to draw our picture of God, let's hope that it would be recognisably the same as what Jesus taught.

Jesus Christ has made known the message of salvation to us and has instructed in the divine existence of love and salvation, giving us an example and inviting us to follow in His ways. That means committing our life to the message of Christ, always and everywhere. We must never give up doing good, following the example of our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians, emphasizes that all Christians are members of Christ, and that Christ is the body of which we are the members. Together we form one body, with Christ as the head. We need each other as blessing for the entire body. There are a great variety of functions, but mutual collaboration and self-giving are required for the good of the entire Christian community. God has made a wonderful combination of the various members of the Church. The variety and richness manifest the great action of God to further the Kingdom, to which we are called. What kind of picture of God do we carry in our heart and mind? It is revealed in our actions, attitudes, and how we live for Him. Let our listening to God's Word encourage us along the path of doing right and drawing another image of God by the lives we live, today and every day

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil

Have you thought? - A summary

The Nazareth event, described in last week's and this week's gospels, provides a 'snapshot' or a summary of the whole of Luke's gospel. In an apparently simple episode, the gospel writer has captured the elements of the remainder of the gospel and laid them out as a foretaste of all that is to come. Jesus is clearly positioned as the one who fulfils the Messianic expectation of scripture. His message of release and acceptance of the poor, afflicted and oppressed is put right up front and the hope of salvation is offered to all people - Jews as well as gentiles.

St Thomas' acknowledge the Yuggera people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather. We pay our respects to elders - past, present and emerging, who have walked and cared for this land for thousands of years.

We remember in our prayers

The sick: Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Sue Lamb, Megan Bowden, Carmel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, June Colch



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Desmond Neave, Norma Lucas, Mervyn Scanlan, Pauline De Leacy, James Brown, Margaret Jones, Ellen Clarke, Mervyn Dean, Dorothy O'Brien, Florence Harris, Kevin Gee, Leo Burton, Vivian Aguila, Kenneth Russell, Norm White, Andrew Fleming, Maud Shannon, Olive Dean, Charlotte Gordon, Evelina Puntill, Thomas Mackenzie, Lea Trainor, Glen Carter, John Barker, Leo Ryan, Dennis Scott, Catherine Goodwin, Filippa Zammit, Russell Fitzpatrick, Ernest Swan, Ronald Henry, Ronald Ellis, Victoria Mercie, Tim O'Neil, Mary Hall, Myra Dickson, Teresa Simento, William 'Bill' Spamm, Josephine Podesta, Bruce McCormack, Joan Smith.

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Please note:
The Parish Secretary will be on leave Monday 31st January and Tuesday 1st February. Sr Analissa will be in the office during this time.

The Week Ahead

Sun - Jan 30th	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm
Mon - Jan 31st	Mass @ 7am
Tues - Feb 1st	Mass @ 7am
Wed - Feb 2nd	Parish Office Closed
Thur - Feb 3rd	Mass @ 9am
Fri - Feb 4th	Mass @ 9am Adoration & Benediction after Mass
Sat - Feb 5th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - Feb 6th	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Word of God Sunday Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Position Vacant – Housekeeper

Applications are open for a part time of Housekeeper to assist in the cleaning of the Holy Spirit Seminary. Specific responsibilities include dusting, vacuuming, mopping floors, bathrooms, kitchens, bedrooms, changing linens for 18 hours per week Monday to Wednesday.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers>.

Applications close: 11 February 2022

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.

Don't forget your mask at Mass.
Spares are available in the church if needed.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

2nd of FEBRUARY 2022



We pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. Please thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. For more go to vocationbrisbane.com, call 1300 133 544 or scan the QR code.



Quote of the Week

Use Your Voice for Kindness,
Your Ears for Compassion,
Your Hands for Charity,
Your Mind for Truth,
and Your Heart for Love .





SEEKING PARISH CARITAS AMBASSADOR

As part of their commitment to connecting the local Catholic community to their mission, Caritas Australia are seeking a **Caritas Ambassador** within our parish.

You will be part of a network of contacts across the country and be supported to promote the work of Caritas Australia, particularly during Project Compassion in Lent. It is our hope that a Caritas Ambassador will make it easier to organise and run Project Compassion within your parish. This role is a great opportunity for anyone keen to be involved in the life of the parish. An Ambassador may be any parishioner who is passionate about social and/or ecological justice and carrying on the mission of Caritas Australia. An overview of the role can be found here: camphillcatholicparish.org.au/caritas-ambassador.html This role is flexible; how much time or energy the Ambassador is able to give is very much up to them.

If you are interested in nominating for this role in our parish, please email your details to the Parish Office: stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

WORD PLAY

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Are you currently unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist or the Anointing of the sick; or do you know someone who is sick and housebound in the parish who might also like to receive the Eucharist?

Please contact the Parish Office or Father Dantus.
Phone: 3398 1154 or stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

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Call for Volunteers

The parish needs volunteers for weekend masses in the following duties:



Sacristan duties, Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Altar Serving, Screen Operators, Hospitality and Choir and musicians.

If you'd like to help and are not already a volunteer in our parish please register at: <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in touch. If you already volunteer in our parish and would like to assist please call the parish office on 3398 1154 or email us at stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au. Full training is provided to all volunteers.

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Safeguarding is Everybody's Business

'Recognizing Warning Signs of Spiritual Abuse in the Church'.

Have you heard of spiritual abuse? Like all forms of abuse, the effects can be life-altering and long-lasting. This article explains what spiritual abuse is and is not, and provides some examples and warning signs.

www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/how-to-heal-from-spiritual-abuse

Local Safeguarding Officer:
David Colch - 3398 1154 or

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www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading: (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19)

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 13:4-13)

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
And freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel: (Luke 4:21-30)

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

For the Children...

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

God's Good News

Jesus returned to Nazareth where he lived as a child and learned the skills of a carpenter. While he was there, he went to the temple and began to read from the scriptures.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus,
open our ears to hear the Good News of God's love. Increase our faith and love for you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Readings for Next Sunday

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah volunteers to speak for the Lord.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul recounts the chronology of Christ.

Gospel:

Luke 5:1-11

An abundance of fish are caught by Simon..

Children's Liturgy of the Word will return Sunday 13th February.