



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 6

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 February 2019

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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
Wednesday	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 21st March 2019

PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest

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Principal Mike Armstrong

APRE Elizabeth Jones

This year we shall try to resuscitate the ecumenical life of our parish as well as endeavour to sustain the pastoral and social life of the parish. In the coming weeks, the parishioners would know the trajectory we shall take to accomplish all these. Exciting year ahead!

In the meantime, I'm grateful to God for journey mercies. I'm grateful to all who made my holiday in Nigeria, Africa, a worthwhile visit. It's like each visit to Africa holds a kind of surprise for my community, family, and friends. First to my parents unaware of my coming and was busy idling away talking. The weather was so hot and my dad wore short pants and shirtless, and my mum a kind of loose gown. I could sense the 45 degree heat was dealing everyone a heavy blow. Two of my siblings were not aware of my coming either except for the youngest girl, Judith, whom am close to. She gave birth to a baby boy, her third and I want to believe her last. And all three through Caesarean operation. Kindly pray for her because I'm told that after the last operation she has been retaining some fluids in her bowels which needs to be flushed out. I'm following her sudden surgery after three weeks of child birth closely. Poor girl! Thank you in advance for your prayers.

As soon as I hug my parents and excited to see their jaw drop out of surprise, we immediately switched to our native dialect, "igbo" [pronounced, 'Ebo']. I met my friends and relations. And it's exhausting to see everyone - that's Africa for you. They observed that I don't eat like I use to each time they see me - and I said, it is the Australian effect! Then, I noticed more Generating sets on the streets and homes since we don't have constant electricity. So much noise and pollution, and people obviously not bothered. How did I managed to survive in that country all these years? A badly executed road network and governments inability to pay salaries which is inhumane. I encouraged them to vote the present government out of office. I must have touched a grey area by bringing politics into family gathering because my extended family were politically divided between party lines. But they did shudder at my knowledge of what was happening. I wonder why?

I saw the same surprise in the eyes of my village people in Nigeria courtesy of the many kindnesses received from members of our parish. First, the water well, and now, house roof projects. Then, I knew the impact of surprises and how these surprises create a space in our hearts, a space for welcoming new friends and celebrating humanity. Thanks to God and people's kindness. Once more, thank you for being supportive of my ministry. Many more of God's blessings and prosperous 2019 for us as a parish. God bless.

Fr Christopher





We remember in our prayers

The sick: Betty Bendel, Henry Bendel, Jim Paterson, Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Matilda Elisabeth Swain, Aidan Hunt, Joan Burlew, Betty Smith, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Mary O'Leary and James Clifford

Recently deceased: Vic McKay

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marie Roberts, John (Jack) Cannon, Patrick O'Gorman, John McGovern, Theresa Poole, William Simson, Eileen Crowley, Maureen Sheridan, Kevin Eckenloff, Thelma Bradshaw, Dean Bonke, Barbara Woodroffe, Cecilia Buskey, Mona Costa, Joseph 'Gerard' Cremin, Anne-Maree Denaro, Grace Dalziel, Terry Cooney, Anastasia Forster, Rosemary McDonald



St Thomas Friends Community Group

The aim of our St Thomas' Friends Group is offering support in the form of meals for people in our community in time of need, due to unexpected emergencies. This group was formed by the St Thomas Parish and School Community over three years to support those requiring short term assistance.

You are invited to be part of this group to provide meals that can be frozen and given to people needing our support due to illness or unforeseen circumstances.

One recent thank you note read,

"Thank you so very much for the "care package", during my recent illness (I'm almost back to normal). We are so very grateful and it was all very yummy. Many thanks"

If you would like to help with this group, we do have a monthly roster. Please send through your contact details to stthomasfriends1@gmail.com. A new roster will be out shortly.



Mr Vic McKay, beloved husband of Eileen and former parishioner of St Thomas, passed away on Saturday 2nd February at Greenslopes Private Hospital.

Vic's funeral will be held on Friday 22nd February at 11am at St Peters Church, 955 Rochedale Road, Rochedale. All are welcome to farewell Vic.



The 2019 Evangelisation Brisbane Lenten Program centres around the theme of **Compassion - Reflecting, Sharing and Living the Good News**.

We are calling for parishioners who might be interested in convening the six session program, or participating with a group of other parishioners. A copy of the book can be previewed at the

Parish Office or information is available at the website: www.lentenprogram.com

Please let the Parish Office know ASAP on 3398 1154 or stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au if you are interested.

Baptisms

We welcome...

Cooper Thomas Evans, son of Jason & Natara

&

Oliver Duncan James, son of Matthew & Katharine, 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

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Grab your copy this week for only \$2 - available at the main entrance to the Church.

In this week's issue:

- Heavy flooding causes widespread damage through Townsville City, while farmers rejoice after a long drought
 - Five sets of twins join the largest ever intake at St Pius V Primary School, Banyo
 - Youth unemployment rampant as Vinnies representative points out a job trap keeping young people from full-time work
 - Vinnies appoints new CEO in Queensland
- *PLUS a regional focus on northern New South Wales

Date Claimer: Missionaries of God's Love Sunday 24th February 2019

Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker, commencing with Mass at 11am, followed by a book launch by Bishop Brian Finnigan of Fr Ken's most recent book "Go Set The World on Fire" Day finishing 3.30pm; Experience the dynamic words and spiritual wisdom of Order founder and author.

St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill, BYO lunch, drinks provided. All welcome.

For information contact Paul Bertini 0417 104 460

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8 *Here am I! Send me.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11 *They left everything and followed him.*

NEW PARISHIONER'S REGISTRATION

If you are new to the area we invite you to complete a Parish Registration Form, found at the main entrance to the church, and place it in the mailbox above the table.



Parish News & Notices

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel. This pilgrimage visits places from the Old & New Testament including Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive \$5690. This includes Return Economy Airfares, + Local Transfers + Premium Hotels + All Meals + Catholic Priest + English speaking guides.

For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Available Departures Dates: Fr. Sebastian (24 March 19), Fr. Kenneth (26 May 19), Fr. Colin (31 May 19) and Fr. Richard (2 June 19), Fr Amal (8 Sep 19), Fr. Peter (16 Sept), Catholic Priest (11 Nov)



Raising up the next generation in worship.

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**6.30-9.30pm | 22 Feb
Somerville House**

17 Graham St, South Brisbane

Connect with teenagers across the Archdiocese for massive worship and extraordinary encounters.

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www.igniteyouth.com/fridaynightlive
facebook.com/igyouth | 07 3217 5199

Support flood-affected families in North Queensland.

The flood that is devastating North Queensland is affecting the lives of many families in the Diocese of Townsville. You can make a tax-deductible gift online or by calling the Catholic Foundation on 07 3324 3200. Your donation will be designated to individuals and families in hardship situations whose homes and businesses have been affected by the floods.

To donate online go to:

catholicfoundation.org.au/how-we-help/flood-relief-appeal/

Position Vacant – Music Administrator

Applications are open for a position at the St Stephens Cathedral. A person with excellent administration and organisational skills is required for a casual position of Music Administrator.

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

Closing date 22nd February 2019

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

WORDS OF WISDOM

**“Having faith does not mean having
no difficulties,
but having the strength to face them,
knowing we are not alone.”**

~ Pope Francis ~

Liturgy Roster

The Week Ahead

Sun - Feb 10	Baptisms - 10am
Mon - Feb 11	Playgroup - 9am
Tue - Feb 12	
Wed - Feb 13	
Thur - Feb 14	
Fri - Feb 15	Mahjong - 9.30am
Sat - Feb 16	First Holy Communion Enrolment Weekend
Sun - Feb 17	First Holy Communion Enrolments Baptism Preparation - 9.30am

16/17 February	Saturday Vigil	Sunday Morning	Sunday Night
Altar Servers	Sam Greer	Harrison Chong	Dale d'Souza Javen d'Souza
Communion	Clare Flynn Diane Ames Elen Greer	Paul Bertini Kay Bertini	Caroline Sarra Judith Molloy
Readers	Bernie Kelly Teresa Henry	Paul Liddy Glynne Liddy Paul Mead	Kathryn Flint John Mackie
AV Operators	Jeff McKee	-	-



St Thomas'
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A HEART FOR MIND AND SPIRIT
1929 - 2019

St Thomas' School have changed the format of their weekly newsletter to an online version, therefore copies will no longer be available in the church. We will try to incorporate key dates and news in our newsletter, as appropriate, for your information.

Key dates:

- **Thursday February 7** - Parent Information Night 6pm
- **Thursday February 14** - Opening Mass 9am
- **Friday February 15** - Welcome BBQ 5pm-8pm

News:

Further to our notice last week, these plans and images shown, provide an overview of the full scope of the school refurbishment. It will be a significant enhancement of the previous layout providing us with first class facilities, and importantly, spaces that will be far more efficient and sustainable in terms of energy use.



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WORD PLAY

Prepare the way of the Lord

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