

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 6

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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Beatitudes and the entrance ticket...

There is a story that goes like this - an elderly man arrives at the pearly gates. St. Peter tells him that the entrance into Heaven requires 100 points and that points will be awarded on the basis of how one has lived on earth. "Well," said the man proudly, "I was married to a woman for 60 years and never was tempted to be unfaithful." "Good, that's one point" said St Peter. "Oh yes, and I served as a reader and Eucharistic minister in my parish church, taught catechism for thirty years, and helped many missionary activities." "Good," said Saint Peter, "that gives you three more points." "Only three points for thirty years of faithful stewardship?" the man protested, "at this rate I won't get into Heaven. Don't you give any points for the Beatitudes I practiced in my life by the grace of God?" "Well, fortunately," came the reply, "that counts for 100 points! Come on in, good and faithful servant."

Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness of who we are and of what we are supposed to do. They remind us that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy in this world and in Heaven only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need. The Beatitudes teach us how we should live, and what we should do. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith, but living these in the context of our commitment to Jesus and in His spirit of sharing.

St. Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity have accepted this challenge and demonstrate that we can "live the Beatitudes" in the modern world. Hence, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now. The way of life is the way of Jesus, the way of the Beatitudes, the way of loving service to God and our brothers and sisters that leads to eternal life. The challenge of the beatitudes is: "Are we going to be happy in the world's way or in Christ's way?" If we choose the world's way, we are probably seeking our blessings in earthly riches.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil

PLEASE NOTE: As of Monday 7th February there have been changes in relation to the Qld Check-In app. **We are no longer required to collect contact information** from Mass attendees via the Check In app and QR codes have been removed. **Masks remain mandatory** when in doors.
Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Gospel Focus—Treated as the Prophets

As part of his sermon, Jesus announces, 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man... This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.' The prophets of the Old Testament were the chosen spokesmen of God. Their message was often unpopular and they were often threatened and berated for challenging the social order. To be treated in this way is in fact something of an affirmation that one's words and actions are reflecting the message of God. The Word of God is confronting and challenging!

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: Marie Roberts, John (Jack) Cannon, Patrick O'Gorman, John McGovern, Theresa Poole, William Simson, Eileen Crowley, Maureen Sheridan, Kevin Eickenloff, Thelma Bradshaw, Dean Bonke, Barbara Woodroffe, Cecilia Buskey, Mona Costa, Joseph 'Gerard' Cremin, Anne-Maree Denaro, Grace Dalziel, Terry Cooney, Anastasia Forster, Rosemary McDonald, Peggy Cannon, John Roborgh, Fr Pat Dowd, Warwick Marden

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.

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.

WORD PLAY

Find these words:

Bless	certain	crying
death	flat	fruit
green	growing	hungry
laugh	mountain	raised



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Sacrament of Penance

We extend a warm welcome to the children in our community, and their families, as they begin their preparation this week for the Sacrament of Penance.

Dear Lord, Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Week Ahead

Sun - Feb 13th	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm <i>Sacrament of Penance - Enrolment & Parent Info</i> Baptisms @ 10am
Mon - Feb 14th	Mass @ 7am St Valentine's Day
Tues - Feb 15th	Mass @ 7am
Wed - Feb 16th	
Thur - Feb 17th	Mass @ 9am
Fri - Feb 18th	Mass @ 9am
Sat - Feb 19th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - Feb 20th	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8.30am & 5.30pm

Quote of the Week

It's very easy to GIVE an example, but it's very difficult to BECOME an example!



DON'T FORGET...TAP'N'GO

Don't forget we now have Tap'n'Go devices in the church. Giving is as simple as the tap of a card! This is an easy alternative to carrying cash and donations go towards the day to day running costs of our parish including liturgical supplies, maintenance, wages, utilities and insurance.

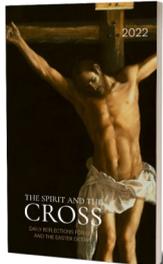
If you have any questions or wish to explore other ways to contribute financially to our parish please visit:

www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Lenten Group

We are seeking interest for a possible Lenten Group to meet during Lent - either online, or at the Parish Meeting Room - using the Evangelisation Brisbane Lenten prayer reflection resource: *The Spirit and the Cross*. **Please let the Parish Office know ASAP if you are interested.**



Do you often wonder 'what is this all for?' but don't know where to find the answer?

Going Deeper is a ten-session online series of pre-recorded discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life.

Cost \$75 for individuals/\$250 for groups (up to 10 people). **To find out more or register, visit www.goingdeeper.org.au**

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Last year, Evangelisation Brisbane began 'A Morning's Prayer', a 3 hour, Saturday morning retreat. After enthusiastic uptake, we are making available seven opportunities to get away and spend some quality time with God across 2022.

This is a facilitated time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing. It aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life.

The first retreat will be held in late February:
Time: 9am - 12pm, Saturday 26th February 2021
At: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston
Cost: \$15
To register: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/adult-formation/faith-formation-spirituality/>

For more information contact
Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team at
formation@bne.catholic.net.au

**ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT
TIM NORTON SVD**

The Episcopal Ordination of Timothy John Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen, **Tuesday 22 February at 10.30am**. Attendance is via ticketed seating only. There will be a limited number of places available for online bookings from Tuesday 15th February - Friday 18th February, unless booked out sooner. The link to Eventbrite will be available on Tuesday 15th on the Cathedral website:

<https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/>

Please don't call the Cathedral office to register. Tickets only available online and not before 15th February.

If you are unable to attend you will be able to livestream the Ordination via this link:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Please keep Bishop-elect Tim in your prayers as he prepares for his future ministry amongst us.



Pope Francis wants to hear from us!

Until 27 February 2022, all Catholics are invited to have their say about their experience of 'synodality' – walking together as a Church.

All submissions received nationally will help the Australian Bishops develop a report to support the global process. This is separate to the Australian Plenary Council which is running concurrently with the Synod. The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in Australia. The Synod is focussed on the Church globally.

Your voice matters, and it could be as simple as getting together with family, friends or fellow parishioners and having a "Coffee Conversation". This short video offers encouragement on how easy it can be to have your say:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrgZ-N79Kfo>

You can make your submission here:
<https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



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Caritas Australia -
Caritas Lebanon Crisis Appeal**



Fuel and food prices in Lebanon have skyrocketed since 2019, leaving the population struggling to pay for basic essentials like groceries, electricity, healthcare and education.

Give now to help Lebanese families with healthcare, education support and cash grants.

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Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading: (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20)

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

For the Children...

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Happiness is...

Someone who has everything he or she wants is not always a happy person. Jesus explained to the crowds that true happiness comes from trusting God and allowing his love to fill our lives.

LET US PRAY

Teach us, Lord,
that true happiness comes from you and is
worth more than all our worldly possessions.
Amen.



Readings for Next Sunday

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-19, 12-13, 22-23
David spares Saul.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Jesus is the new Adam.

Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38
Love your enemy.