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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 12.30pm Mass
Thu: 8.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am
RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:00pm



**The Fourth Sunday of East
 Year B April 20/21, 2024**

Next Weekend's Readings 4th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 Gospel John 15:1-8



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;

**David and Gerard Leahy,
 Yovita Maria Herawaty Renyut
 and Rae Hughes**

If you would like to have the lamp burn for a week, please put the details and \$10 in an envelope and hand to Fr Richard in the Sunday collection or to the parish Office or in the mail box.



Engaging Your Faith: May 2024

*Theology, Scripture, Meditation,
 Spirituality, Science & Faith.* Sign up for one of 9 short, online sessions. Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



"Time to Consider the Priesthood". St Charles Seminary in Guildford is holding their annual **Vocations Open Day on Sunday, 5th May 2024**, calling all interested males from the age of 17yrs and older, who are thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood, to come along and **'look and see'**. Details may be found on the St Charles Seminary website: www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au or call (08) 9279-1310 to register for the day.



WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:

We take this opportunity to welcome all new parish members. We hope that you find St Thomas the Apostle a friendly parish

community. Please join us after the 7.30am and 9.30am Masses for a 'cuppa' in the parish centre. Say hello to Father, meet some new/old friends, sit down and have a chat. Please become part of the family of St Thomas the Apostle. See you there!



We like to keep our parish records up to date so please let us know if your details have changed. Please email or post us any changes. claremont@perthcatholic.org.au



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, your work is greatly appreciated by Fr Richard and Parish members.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity please speak with Fr Richard or contact the office. Email claremont@perthcatholic.org.au

We are very short of people to go on the flower roster please



Thursday, 25 April is Anzac Day. Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 8.00am. This will allow those who wish to attend the March in Perth to be able to do so. Come along and pray for those who have died in wars, for those who still live with the horror of war, and for those who continue to fight for peace in conflicts around the world.



Thank you all for your donations to SVDP of food etc for the poor and hungry. The donation box is always at the entrance of the church.

Contact Henry on: 0417 985 992. Thank you.

God bless from your local Vinnies Team



Thank you for your kind donations of over \$5000 from St Thomas' parish to Lymphoma Australia. In Fr Wayne's memory.



THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH at 12.00noon before the 12.30pm mass each Wednesday. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie 0408 798 174. You are welcome to come & join us in

prayer to Our Lady. Followed by;

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB held in the Parish meeting room, after the 12.30 pm Mass, you are all welcome. Please



ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL - ENROLMENTS St Thomas' Primary School is excited to offer families a holistic Catholic education in the heart of Claremont. Limited vacancies are available for 2025 enrolments. Please visit stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/ for more information, or contact us to book a tour of the school on 9286 9500 or email admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au. An application form can also be found at the back of the Church.

GLORIA.... Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle Almighty and everlasting God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

APOSTLES' CREED.... I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: Are you in the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Program? Would you like to join the Program? When you join, you will assist the Finance Committee in planning for the Parish's future on-going costs. If you would like to lend your support in this way, please phone Prue at the Parish Office on 9384 0598 during office hours, or fill in one of the direct debit forms available at the back of the church. **Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks Prue**

New Parishioners, and those not so new, who wish to update their census details: Please put your name and address in the space below and drop into the collection basket or email to the office. Thanks!

Name _____ Email _____

Residential Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ No of People in household _____

PS: If you would like to join the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Programme and give your financial support to the Parish, please tick this box and Prue Pupazzoni (Parish Secretary) will organise for a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you. Alternatively, she can arrange for you to make your contributions by direct debit.

WHATS ON IN THE ARCHIDIOCESE

27 Apr **HEALING MASS - VOICE OF THE VOICELESS MINISTRY**

The next Healing Mass and Adoration of Voice of the Voiceless Ministry of St John Paul II will be held on **Saturday, 27 April, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 43 Camberwell Street, East Victoria Park**. Songs of worship and praise will commence at 11.30am to be followed by Mass at 12noon. All welcome. **Further info:** Cathy 0419 162 544.

03 May - 05 May **THE SONG OF SONGS - THE SONG OF THE SOUL IN LOVE WITH GOD**

Despite its short length, the Song of Songs is one of the most beautiful and intriguing books of the entire Bible and occupies a central role in monastic *lectio divina*. This weekend, which is both a study opportunity and a retreat, will examine the origins of this book and its inclusion within the canon. It will also explore the many and varied interpretations of the book which saints and scholars have advanced over the centuries. Presenter, Fr. Robert Nixon, OSB. Please visit New Norcia's webshop to book: <https://shop.newnorcia.com.au>

04 May **ALBUM LAUNCH CONCERT**

Fr Mark Baumgarten will be launching a new album of original songs with a concert on **Saturday 4 May 7pm, St Francis Xavier, Armadale Parish Hall, 279 Forrest Road, (Hilbert)**. He will be joined by several accomplished musicians, including many who helped record the album. Tickets are \$10 standard, \$40 for a family pass, and children under 12 are free. Get tickets at <https://trybooking.com/CQTAN> or by calling 08 9399 2143. For more information visit <https://pianopriest.com>.

08 May - 12 Jun **A JOURNEY THROUGH MODERN CHURCH HISTORY: FROM THE ENLIGHTENMENT TO VATICAN II**

Wednesdays, 10am to 11.30am (6 sessions) Newman Siena Centre (CLT) & LIVE-STREAMED Online. This course explores the Catholic Church's role within the modern world as it was confronted with the French Revolution, the Enlightenment, the totalitarian regimes of the 20th century and eventually opened the Second Vatican Council. The course considers the Church's response to the ideological currents of rationalism, socialism, and nationalism, before exploring the birth of the Church in Australia and key modern thinkers such as Saint John Henry Newman. *CEWA Ongoing Renewal, this course has been approved for Knowledge*. Cost: \$50.00. Presenter, Dr Marco Ceccarelli. **Further info or to register, [Click Here](#), email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 278 0261.**

12 May **CATHOLIC MISSION'S MOTHER'S DAY EVENT**

Lifted-Up: A violin and piano recital on the Feast of Our Lord's Ascension, **Sunday 12 May 3pm in the Braham Auditorium, Trinity College, East Perth**. After the Mother's Day lunch or before the Mother's Day dinner, your mum and grand mum are sure to be lifted up by an hour of beautiful music from two highly regarded classical musicians in Daniel Carney on violin and Tommy Seah on piano. Tickets are available online for a donation to Catholic Mission in support of a refuge project for vulnerable mums and their children escaping domestic violence and homelessness in Mongolia. To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CQFOU>. Online bookings are essential because seating is limited. For further details about this special Mother's Day event or the project it supports, contact Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

The Shepherd Messiah

The gospels go to great lengths to affirm the lineage of Jesus and associate him with the house of David, the first great Jewish king. David began life as a simple boy tending his father's flock of sheep. When the line of kings was instigated through David they were charged with being 'shepherds' of their people. However, down through the line of kings, this care for the people was lost and they ceased to be 'shepherds'. Jesus' claim to be the good shepherd is his claim to be in the line of the true kings of Israel - a shepherd of the people.

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of
the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

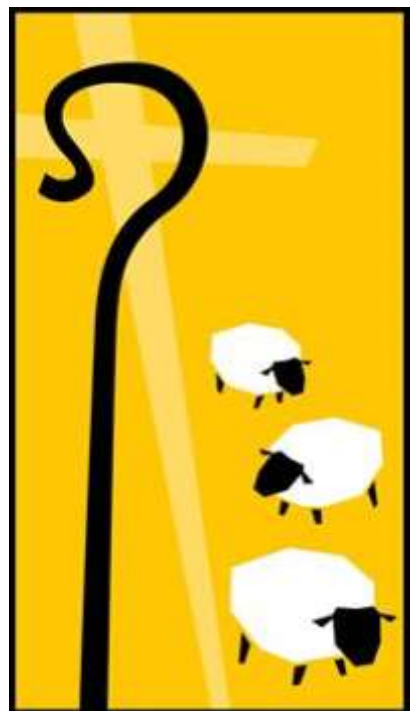
'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other

sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



The Gospel of the Lord