

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

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!



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
Maree Collins and Wayne Johnson
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



THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

Are held in the Parish meeting room, after the 12.30 pm Mass, you are all welcome. Please bring a plate to share. *See you*

there.

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.



Caritas AUSTRALIA

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia. Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.



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 for your kind donations of \$4615 from St Thomas' parish to Lymphoma Australia. In Fr Wayne's memory.

Did you know Catholic Mass is broadcast on free-to-air television each Sunday morning? Mass for You at Home is broadcast at 6am on Channel 10 and WIN. Let family and friends know that they can pray along at home if they are unable to attend their local parish. For more information go to www.massforyou.com.au



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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 12.30pm Mass

Thu: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am

RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:00pm

**The Second Sunday of East
Year B April 7, 2024**

**Next Weekend's Readings
Third Sunday of Easter**



St. Thomas
PARISH BULLETIN



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.

11 Apr **WOMEN OF THE SCRIPTURES**

Women of the Scriptures – How Jesus' life was influenced and touched by the ordinary lives of the women he encountered in his ministry. **Thursday 11 April 9am to 3pm, Nano Nagle Centre, 6 Reserve Street, Claremont.** Presenter: Sr Catherine Warner pbvm. Cost: \$50.00 (includes handouts, morning tea and lunch). **Further info;** pmegan@iinet.net.au.



“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 flyer on the notice board or St Charles Seminary website: www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au or call (08) 9279-1310 to register for the day.

“Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus. There is no-one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit” – Homily by Pope St John Paul II.

Just a little laugh!!!! A priest, a deacon and the parish secretary take a shortcut through a vacant lot on their way to a meeting to discuss the upcoming Easter services when they come across an old oil lamp. The priest picks it up and rubs it with his handkerchief. To their amazement, a genie appears in a puff of smoke and offers them all one wish each. The parish secretary cries out, “I desperately need a holiday. I want to be on an island paradise on a deck chair soaking up the sun’s rays. The genie waves his hand and she disappears in a puff of smoke. The deacon bellows, “I want to be at the Vatican, marvelling at all the artwork in the Sistine Chapel and never have to go to another meeting as long as I live.”

He too disappears in a puff of smoke.

Scowling, the parish priest glares at the genie, “I want those two back in time for the meeting in 10 minutes.”



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**

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

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**



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.



Have you thought?

Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we - Blessed are we - who have not seen and yet still believe!

Gracious God,

You have blessed our archdiocese with many gifts, and you call us to share those gifts with others. We thank you for this call and commit ourselves anew to responding with courage and generosity. In this time of challenge and hope for the Church, you invite us to start afresh from Christ your Son and to contemplate his face so that we might recognise him in others. As we enter the preparation, formation and experience of our Diocesan Assembly, may we experience a new wave of grace as **we journey together led by the Spirit**. Bless our Diocesan Assembly Delegates, attune their hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit in all their listening and discernment. May all be open to the voice and guidance of the Holy Spirit that our Church may be transformed, our archdiocese be a sign to the world of your presence with us, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice. With the intercession of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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



There are colds and viruses as well as Covid going around the community so please use the hand sanitizer.

Church Volunteers



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

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.

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord

The Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading: reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

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.**