

St. Thomas

PARISH BULLETIN

EASTER TIMETABLE 2018

29 March 2018:

Holy Thursday Mass: 7.00pm

30 March 2018:

Good Friday—Stations: 10.00am
Passion: 3.00pm

31 March 2018:

Easter Vigil Mass—Saturday: 6.30pm

1 APRIL 2018:

Easter Sunday Masses: 7.30am & 9.30am

No 6.30pm Sunday Evening Mass



WE WILL AGAIN COMBINE WITH THE HOLY ROSARY PARISH TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER. IT WILL BE HELD ON **THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2018 AT 7.00PM AT HOLY ROSARY CHURCH, 46 THOMAS STREET, NEDLANDS.** PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN IN. **FR WAYNE**



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Kevin McCarthy, John Palermo, David Palandri & Isabelle Chapman
If you wish to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, please put the details and \$10 in an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

BLESSING ON OUR SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

May our Dear Lord guard you and bless you as you bring His Eucharist and our love to our brothers and sisters who are unable to be with us today at Mass. We ask this through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB Meets every Wednesday after the 12.30pm Mass. You are cordially invited to join this friendly group. All welcome. Good food, great companionship. Come along and have some fun. See you there!



EASTER EGGS FOR ROMILY HOUSE.... It is time again to start donating Easter Eggs for the residents of Romily House. There will be a box at the back of the Church, which is checked regularly. Many thanks on behalf of the residents. **Maureen Gardner: 9389 8289**



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MASS TIMES:
Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Kids' Mass
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 6.30pm
Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 12.30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION:
Sat: 8.30-9.00am

10-11 MARCH 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF



Next Weekend's Readings—5th Sunday of Lent (Year B): *Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33*

Are you in the **St Thomas Planned Giving Programme**? Would you like to join? If so, you will be helping the Parish Finance Committee plan for the Parish's future on-going costs. If you would like to support us in this way, please phone Rossana at the parish office on 9384 0598 during office hours on either Tue, Wed or Fri. Thank you for your support for your parish.



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!

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THOMAS CARE: If you are in need of emergency assistance, with no family to help you, please contact Sharon on 0400 453 311; Trish on 0434 570 403 or Rossana during office hours on 9384 0598.

Dear Parishioners, Thank you for all your kind generosity in the past. We also appreciate the Coles gift cards which we can use to do so much for those in need. **The Vinnies Team**



IF ANY PARISHIONER INTENDS ATTENDING WEEKDAY MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL DURING THE COMING WEEK, PLEASE SPEAK TO FATHER WAYNE. THANKS.

Jesus Saves – We Condemn... When I was a young guy in university, I felt condemned. I was successful in my career, but empty on the inside. Despite all my hard work, life seemed meaningless. I worked hard at uni, but not at being a Christian. In fact, I fell away from God at university, I stopped going to church. I never prayed or read the Bible. I didn't even think about serving people who suffered. You see, I condemned myself – to a self-centred, Godless life that felt empty because I was so empty. Sometimes we think God is busy watching for opportunities to condemn us. But Jesus clears up all that in this week's Gospel. God doesn't look for opportunities to condemn us, but to save us from lives without meaning and to save us for life eternal. We condemn ourselves if we ignore Jesus' recipe for living. Through sin and selfishness, we can build our own prison. But God wants to free us. So God sent Jesus to show us the way. Isn't it great to know that God's only desire is for us to live full lives now and into eternity? And even if we spend most of our life looking in the wrong places, God never withdraws the offer of salvation. Eventually I took the Lord up on the offer and decided to follow Jesus and shine his light for the world. And since then I've been free.

Do you have any sinful habits that are slowly condemning you? If so, talk to God this week about finding help to break them.

Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)



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PARISH PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS... Parents please remember when submitting a Priest's Reference Form for your child to include a stamped/addressed envelope with your form. Also, please **do not** drop off these reference forms to the School. **FR WAYNE**



You may remember that I mentioned the **Corsini Collection** in December of last year and how it was coming to Perth, the only Australian city to hold the exhibition. At long last it has opened at the Art Gallery of WA. I encourage you all to see it. Tickets are: \$15 Adult | \$12 AGWA Member /Concession/Senior, \$55 Two adult tickets and a catalogue, \$37 Adult Season Pass | \$30 Concession Season Pass, \$37 Family Pass (2 Adults plus 3 Children) | \$7 Children (5-17) Children 4 and under, free. *Tickets are dated, but can be changed ahead of time without penalty. You must book you tickets online at the Art Gallery's website.*



PROJECT COMPASSION—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture while making a living and creating opportunities for her community. Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline went from seeking employment to being a Senior Arts Worker and an inspirational leader for youth. Her work at the non-profit Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation has supported the organisation's growth and it is now a major employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future. A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



**INVITATION FROM ARCHBISHOP
TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB
TO THE ANNUAL CHRISM MASS**

I invite you to attend the Chrism Mass which I will concelebrate with the Priests of the Archdiocese of Perth at St Mary's Cathedral on **Tuesday, 27 March at 7.00pm.** During this Mass the Holy Oils will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. The Priests will also renew their Ordination commitment. The Laity are invited to renew their Commitment to holiness of life and to service of the Church and society.

LIFELINK APPEAL 2017.... The total donation amount recorded for St Thomas Parish for the Lifelink Appeal 2017 was **\$4,4695.00.** On behalf of Archbishop Costelloe and the Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproston, our Lifelink agencies and everyone here at the Lifelink Office, we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the St Thomas' parishioners for your collective generosity. **Brett A Mendez, Consulting Manager**

**SATURDAY, 17 MARCH, 5.30PM
KIDS' MASS—SAUSAGE SIZZLE:**

The St Thomas' School Year 6s will be involved in the Liturgy for the 5.30pm Kids' Mass next Saturday. After the Mass, please come and join the children and their parents as they host a Sausage Sizzle for the parish and school community. This will take place down near the Hall in the school grounds. Please come along and share with the children and their families. It would be wonderful to see you all there. **Fr Wayne**



PILGRIM STATUE... Dear Parishioners, if you are interested to host Our Lady, please text or call James on Mobile No 0438 700 654. You can also email me at choonwinpcs@hotmail.com



**THE SACRAMENTAL
COMMITMENT MASS FOR 2018** will be held next weekend, 17-18 March, at either the 5.30pm Saturday Mass or the 7.30am or 9.30am Sunday Masses. For

enrolment forms, or if you have any questions, please contact Silvia Kinder via her email address: silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au **Fr Wayne Davis PP**

6.30PM SUNDAY, 18 MARCH—AFRICAN CHOIR MASS AND SUPPER:

Please join the African Choir for a Light Supper in the Parish Centre after the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday, 18 March. Come along and meet up with some fellow parishioners in a social setting. See you there.



HOME/CLEANER GARDENER WANTED: Must have own transport and like gardening. We will provide all products. 4-5 hours per week. If interested, please phone 0432 051 369.

"We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends."
Mary McLeod Bethune

We offer our sympathies and condolences to Mrs Sam Valentine, a teacher at the School, on the passing of her Father, **Mr Kevin McCarthy,** last week. Our prayers are with you Sam and your family at this sad time. **Fr Wayne & all Parishioners**



THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS...

First Reading: A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. **(R.)**
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **(R.)**
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **(R.)**
4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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. **Amen.**