



The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B: 7th JULY 2024

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MASS:
Tue: 9.00am
Wed: 12.30pm
Thu: 9.00am
Fri: 9.00am
Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am
RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:30pm



Next Weekend's Readings
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
Amos 7:12-152
Psalm 84: 9-14
Ephesians 1: 3-4
Mark 6:7-13




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 welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Jack Martin
We ask for God's blessing upon him and his family as they journey through life, with Jesus beside them.

What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of Christian formation by which those who are seeking full communion with the Church. RCIA may also be referred to as 'the Catechumenate'.

The RCIA is a process, not a program. It is a process which responds to Christ's invitation to unbaptised (catechumens), and to candidates (those who have received Baptism in other Christian denominations), to come and see how the Catholic community live, pray and worship. The process supports those seeking to deepen their personal relationship with Christ through developing familiarity with the Gospel teachings, deepening the personal experience of prayer and worship and help discern the movement of the Holy Spirit.

The process has several stages and ritual steps, leading up to the reception of all three sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, usually at the Easter Vigil.

Conversion to Christ is at the heart of this journey both for those seeking membership of the Church and the parish community. The Priest, Parish Catechist, Sponsors and Godparents, together with the prayers and welcome of the wider Parish community, provides the hospitality for new members to fully assimilate and actively engage in the liturgical life of the Church. This why this journey takes place within the parish community.



If you have any news to share please forward to Prue: Claremont@perthcatholic.org.au

• **COMMUNION AT HOME.** *If you or someone you know are not able to church and would like a Eucharist Minister to visit each weekend please contact Fr Richard, Prue or Margaret Sweetman. Each month Fr Richard visits Montgomery House, Alfred Carson and Queenslea, in our area for Anointing and Communion. If you have friends or family members who reside in either of these care facilities please let them know.*



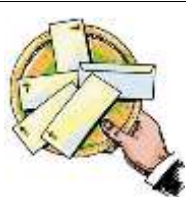
• *Louise Davenport has been running Circle of Friends in our parish for a number of years and the time has come to cease this meet up group. We thank Louise sincerely for her many years of dedication to our special friends*

WHATS ON ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - ORCHESTRAL MASS 2024 We are looking for young music students from around Perth and join forces with the Cathedral Choir to fill St Mary's Cathedral with glorious sound forming an orchestra and massed choir to sing and play at the **11am Solemn Sung Mass, Sunday 21 July**. Playing level for orchestral players advisable to be minimum Grade 4 level. Our special guest conductor is well-known Perth conductor Sarah Mills Menogue. **Regclose Friday 12 July.** . **Further info;** Jacinta at 08 9223 1377. music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au

22 Jul CATHOLIC OUTREACH - MERCYCARE AND STAY ON YOUR FEET PRESENTATIONS
MercyCare will talk about aged care services in general, eligibility and how to access these services, and which home care services are available under the different programs; Stay on Your Feet® will provide information and strategies for older adults, their friends and family to prevent slips, trips and falls.
Morning tea provided. **Monday 22 July 10am to 12.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary Street, Highgate.** RSVPs is essential by **Wednesday 17 July** to outreach@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9422 7920.

26 Jul - 28 Jul BENEDICTINE - AN INTRODUCTION TO ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN
Since the very beginning of the Roman Catholic Church, Latin has been its principal language for spiritual and theological literature, as well as for the celebration of the liturgy. A knowledge of Latin is an important resource, which unlocks the vast and rich treasures of the writings of the Church Fathers and saints of Western Christianity in their original form. This weekend will provide a concentrated introduction, which will equip participants with enough knowledge to continue their own studies with confidence. No prior knowledge is required. Presenter Fr Robert Nixon, OSB. Please visit New Norcia's webshop to book: <https://shop.newnorcia.com.au>.

27 Jul CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - IN HER FOOTSTEPS: ANSWERING THE INVITATION OF THE FEMININE GENIUS Do you yearn to dive deeper and embrace your feminine identity as a daughter of God? Step into the journey with other like-minded Catholic women from all walks of life to be formed and equipped for the challenges of our modern world in the footsteps of Mary Magdalene. With engaging keynote speakers, interactive workshops, and fellowship, we aim to inspire and empower women to recognise their God-given gifts and embrace their role as apostles of the faith in their homes, workplaces, schools, and communities. A Collaboration with Centre for Faith Enrichment, Centre for Life, Marriage and Family and University Notre Dame Australia. Visit <https://CLMF.org.au/InHerFootsteps> to stay in the loop for more information



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.**

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.

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 bring a plate to share. **See you there.**



Divine Heart of Jesus,

I offer you through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Church, in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice, my prayers, actions, joys and sufferings of this day in reparation for sins and for the salvation of all people, in the grace of the Holy Spirit and for the glory of the Heavenly Father. Amen.

The Holy Father is soon to release a document on the importance of understanding the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in our times.

BULLETIN We have three families who have requested the weekly bulletin via email. Unfortunately the email given to us continues to bounce back. Please will these three people request again or use a different email address. The Ingrams, Joanna Evans, briandillon.
Thank you

EVERY THURSDAY - MUSIC AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Join us every Thursday for a half-hour music recital – a perfect opportunity to escape the busyness of the day for half an hour for some prayerful, reflective music. Admission free, all welcome. For information and further details please contact Jacinta (Music Director) music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9223 1377.



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.

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**



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**

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.**

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.**

Please be aware there will more traffic and children around as the schools are on term break. We wish the Children a happy fun filled term break and trust the teachers will have a wonderful and reenergizing couple of weeks ready for the 3rd term of school.



First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 2: 2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 122. R. v.2) **(R.)** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!



Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6:1-6

With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Gospel of the Lord