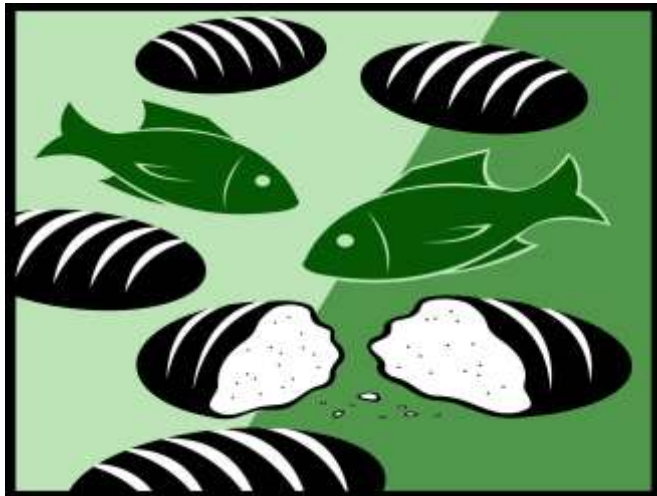




**The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year B: 27/28 JULY 2024**

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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**  
 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B  
 Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
 Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, 54  
 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
 John 6:24-35



**Become Part of Our Church Family**  
**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!

**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/](http://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](mailto:admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au). An application form can also be found at the back of the Church.



 This weeks Sanctuary Lamp burns for;  
**Merle Reid**  
 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 collection or to the parish office or in the mail box.

Blessings to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation through Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB last Friday, July 26 2024. Let us pray that their hearts will be always open to the workings of the Holy Spirit, and may they grow in discipleship as they try their best to follow Christ the Lord.



**HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC SOMEDAY?** To become a Catholic is to take a firm stance about one's beliefs, one's practices, and one's way of life. It is even more than that, actually. Becoming a Catholic means encountering and embracing Jesus Christ in the fullness of His teaching and presence. Therefore, the choice to become a Baptised and Confirmed believer united to Jesus by the gift of the Holy Eucharist, can only be made after careful preparation and spiritual strengthening. The process of preparation and strengthening to become Catholic involves the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," or R.C.I.A. **PLEASE CONTACT FR RICHARD THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.**





If you have any news to share please forward to Prue: [Claremont@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto: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.*



**Fr Charles Waddell has written a book entitled "Why The Risen Jesus Matters"** The books are in the office at a cost of \$25.00. You can purchase online on Father Waddell's account BSB 806 036 A/C 60270128. If you send me proof of purchase I can post the book to you or leave it in the church or you can come and collect during office hours.

Critics have written positive reviews one being from Dr Zachariah Duke, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, Australian Catholic University m President, Association of Practical Theology in Oceania. He says "Why the Risen Jesus Matters is about how we experience and encounter the risen Jesus in our lives. It presents a kaleidoscope of different portraits of the risen Jesus at work in the world. I found myself creating my own adventure by reflecting on how the risen Jesus has impacted the lives of others, and in turn, how the risen Jesus is transforming my own life. The author is to be commended on this highly relevant and accessible book."

### ACRATH'S - INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

You are all invited to ACRATH'S International Fundraising Dinner on **Saturday 3 August 6.30pm to 10pm, Aranmore Catholic Primary School (Hall), 20 Brentham Street, Leederville.** Tickets are \$20 which includes a meal of your choice, additional meals on sale as well as desserts (\$10) BYO drinks, nibbles, and glassware. Booking [HTTPS://WWW.TYRBOOKING.COM/CRZGJ](https://www.tyrbooking.com/crzgj). All proceeds will be used to assist victim-survivors of human trafficking, education, repatriation, and other financial assistance. Please reach out to your family, friends and colleagues and consider booking a table. Such a small price to pay when the \$20 charge includes your main meal. Thank you to all who have **already booked**. [Click Here](#) for the flyer. **Further info:** [ranieri11@bigpond.com](mailto:ranieri11@bigpond.com).



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**

**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.

## A Blessing Prayer for Grandparents by Greg Sunter

God of all the generations  
Your gift of faith and gift of love have been handed down to us through  
parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for all of time.  
Look with favour on all our grandparents and bless them.

Bless their eyes that look on us with love and affection.  
Bless their ears that listen to our questions and our stories.  
Bless their knees and laps we sit on.  
Bless their arms that hold us and their hands that help us.  
Bless their legs that walk beside us.  
Bless their hearts that swell with pride for us.  
And bless their faces that bring us joy.  
Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.

We make this prayer through Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.



**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; **LUNCH** 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.*



**NEXT WEEKEND's** Catholic Mission Appeal invites you to assist our missionaries in Mongolia provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence & homelessness. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at [www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia) . Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at [director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au) to explore the possibilities.



**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD UP TO DATE.** Please check your card's expiry date and renew if the date is soon or passed. All Volunteers in the Parish are required to have a WWC card

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all its members, leaders, and especially its children and adults at risk. The care, safety and welfare of children and adults at risk is a collective responsibility, embedded in robust policies and practices of the Archdiocese which reflect its zero tolerance to abuse.

### **SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 INDUCTION TRAINING**

The Safeguarding Level 1 Induction is now available as a Self-Paced Online Learning Module. This format offers greater flexibility and an easier, user-friendly experience. To complete the Safeguarding Level 1 Induction.

- Visit our [Training Page](#) the follow instructions

The Safeguarding Office will notify the Parish/Agency/Organisation of the attendance record.  
**Further info;** [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or 09221 7762. this is not onerous at all.

*I have completed a certificate course on the Training Page and it takes about 15 minutes. Prue*

**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.**

**First Reading:** A reading from the second book of the Kings (2 Kings 4:42-44)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

**The Word of The Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm:** (Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16)

**(R.)** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 4:1-6)

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

**The Word of The Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation:** (Luke 7:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

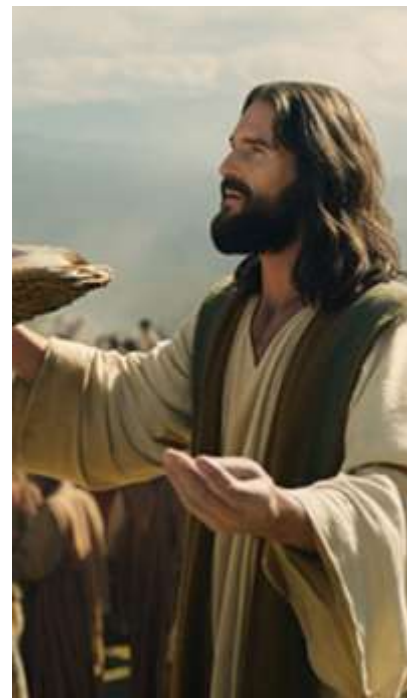
A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** (John 6:1-15) A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself. **The Gospel of The Lord**



**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. **Amen.**