



The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B: 3/4 AUGUST 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
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 1 Kings 19:4-8
 Psalm 33:2-9
 Ephesians 4:30-5:2
 John 6:41-51

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/ 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.




 This weeks Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
 The soul of **Merle Reid** recently deceased
 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.

 We welcome into the Gods family through the Sacrament of Baptism
Margot Coppen & George Coppen
 We ask for God's blessing upon them and their family as they journey through life, with Jesus beside them.

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC SOMEDAY? COME ALONG TO AN INFORMATION EVENING ON WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST AT 7:00PM

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 is called 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

• **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 buy 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."



Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23rd September 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8990. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.



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.

Vinnies; Quiz night friday 30/8/24 in St Thomas School Hall 7.00pm. Tables of 8-10. Our major fundraiser for the year. Donations of prizes welcome. Contact Henry: 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.



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THIS 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 . 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 to explore the possibilities.



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.**



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK IT IS IMPERATAIVE 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 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

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING - COMMON GROUND - FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS
Wednesdays 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate (enter through Harold St). Common Ground is a space where Young Adults who share similar values and beliefs come together and belong. Through faith formation, prayer, mission, ministry and social activities, Common Ground provides opportunities to grow in faith, deepen your relationship with God and explore what it means to live a life of purpose and meaning. Ask questions, share your struggles, and receive encouragement and guidance. Come along! Visit www.cym.com.au for more information.

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.**

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.**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R.)**
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Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:24-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord

