



The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B: 10/11 AUGUST 2024

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MASS:
Tue: 9.00am
Wed: 12.30pm
Thu: ***Feast of Our Lady's Assumption***
9.00am & 6.30pm
Fri: 9.00am
Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am
RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:30pm



Next Weekend's Readings
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Prov 9:1-6
Psalm 33:2-3,10-15
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58



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 Thursday (August 15) Catholics around the world mark the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, commemorating the end of her earthly life and her assumption into Heaven.

But while the feast day is a relatively new one, the history of this Feast Day- and the mystery behind it - has its roots in the earliest centuries of Christian belief. The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary ended her earthly life, God assumed her, body and soul into heaven. In 1950, Pope Pius XII made an infallible, ex-cathedra statement in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus deus* officially defining the dogma of the Assumption.



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.

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 Holy Souls in Purgatory

If you would like to have the lamp burn for a week, please put the collection or to the parish office or in the mail

Mary MacKillop, also known as Saint Mary of the Cross, was an Australian who founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, a Roman Catholic religious congregation dedicated to education and social welfare. She was the first Australian to be canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church in 2010. Mary MacKillop is recognized for her work in providing education to the poor and marginalized, and for her commitment to social justice and advocacy for the rights of women and children. Mary MacKillop inspires us in several ways:



1. Dedication to Education
2. Social Justice and Advocacy
3. Courage and Resilience:
4. Compassion and Service:



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**

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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THANK YOU for your prayers & generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. Your donations are helping our missionaries in Mongolia and around the world provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence & homelessness. If you have missed the opportunity to support this important missionary work, please go online at www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia to make a donation. 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. **WE NEED A COPY OF YOUR UPDATED CARD PLEASE**

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

Discover God's Love at WBC24 Family Conference Evangelisation Australia and Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) Perth invite individuals and families to the WBC24 Family Conference, a transformative retreat centered on the theme "Beloved: We love, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). This three-day event offers participants the opportunity to explore God's boundless love and discover their unique calling. WBC24 features an exceptional lineup of renowned speakers: Dr. John Bergsma, an expert in Scripture; Simon and Madeline Carrington, offering insights on relationships and family life; and Fr. Christian Irdi, providing wisdom on vocational discernment. The conference caters to individuals and families at all life stages, from children to seniors. Whether attendees are single, dating, engaged, married, or discerning their vocation, WBC24 offers valuable insights for their faith journey. Participants will enjoy a grace-filled program which includes daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and the Liturgy of the Hours. A highlight of the event will be the Family Consecration Ceremony, offering families a beautiful opportunity to dedicate themselves to the Holy Family. Early bird registration is now open, but interested parties should act quickly as it ends in just one week. This is an excellent chance to save on registration for this life-changing event. Those wishing to invest in their spiritual growth and family's future can find more information and register at www.evangelisationaustralia.com/events. We encourage all to seize this opportunity to deepen their faith and embrace God's plan for their lives.

Bishop of the Bush

The amazing story of Bishop Rosendo Salvado, founder of New Norcia.

In words, pictures and gorgeous music.

Perth Symphony Orchestra, with narrator John Kinder

Tickets online: google *'Bishop of the Bush'*



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**

First Reading: A reading from the first book of 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9, R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress**(R.)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the gospel according to John. 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



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.**

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.**