



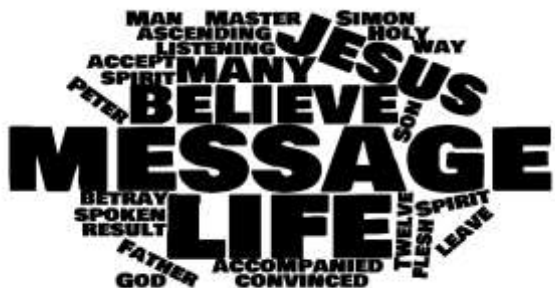
**The 21st Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Year B: 24/25 AUGUST 2024**

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**NO WEEKDAY
MASSES THIS WEEK as
Fr Richard is away on
retreat**



Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am
RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:30pm



Next Weekend's
 Readings
 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
 TIME YEAR B
Deut 4:1-2, 6-8
Ps 14:2-5
James 1:17-18
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**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!



INVITATION TO THE ROSARY WHICH 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 most welcome to come and join us for a light lunch in the Parish Centre following Mass and Rosary **See you there.**



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.

ITS NOT TOO LATE TO GET YOUR QUIZ NIGHT TICKETS FOR



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**



Today is Social Justice Sunday. In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World", Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace. In a world full of pessimism, they put their faith and hope in the possibility of peace. **Copies of the Statement and Prayer Cards will be available over the next couple of weeks.**



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.*



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** one of our talented parishioner. **Tickets online:** google **‘Bishop of the Bush’**



HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC SOMEDAY? COME ALONG ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

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**

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church.

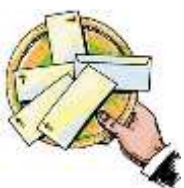


For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

Administration Assistant, Daydawn Advocacy Centre – Permanent, Part-time (apply to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)

Tenancy Advocate, Daydawn Advocacy Centre – Permanent, Part-time (apply on EthicalJobs.com.au)

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is committed to the Safeguarding of children and adults at risk.



ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: You are invited to join St Thomas’ Parish Planned Giving Program? You can contribute Direct Debit or through the weekly envelope system. When joining the Programme the Finance Committee can plan 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**

Just a reminder the first collection is for the Priests in the diocese including Fr Richard. The second collection is for our Parish upkeep and costs.

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.



By listening to Jesus, we too can have everlasting life. What are some things Jesus is telling us? Draw the missing pictures, then circle the correct answers.



Love one another

Do anything you want



Always be the winner

Help others



Be stronger than others

Pray to God



This weeks Sanctuary Lamp burns for;

children involved in wars.

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 box.



29 Aug - 05 Sep **DISCOVERING THE BASICS OF OUR FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC THEOLOGY**

Thursdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm Online (6 sessions)
Cost: \$30.00. Presenter, Ms Natalie Thomas. *Further info or to register, [Click Here](#), email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9278 0261.*



INVITATION

In thanksgiving to God and Our Blessed Mother for the daily apparitions of Our Blessed Mother in Medjugorje, The Medjugorje evening of prayer warmly invites you, your family and friends this Friday evening 30th Aug. 7.00pm at St Bernadette's Church. 49 Jugan Street Glendalough. Evening includes;- Reconciliation. Rosary. Benediction. Holy Mass. Free distribution of Rosary Beads which received Our Lady's Blessing during Her apparition in Medjugorje. Evening concludes with light refreshments. Please consider this invitation as you will be made very welcome. Enq. 0407 471 256.

AVE MARIA RECITAL - ORGAN AND VOCAL RECITAL



Sunday 8 September
2.30pm to 3.45pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. A bouquet of music for our Heavenly Mother in celebration of her birthday. Enjoy exciting organ works and vocal solos/duets - with Schubert's sublime 'Ave Maria'. Admission free. Further info; Jacinta on music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9223 1377.

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.**

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 book of Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of The Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. 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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of The Lord

Gospel Acclamation: See John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of The Lord

