



CLAREMONT WA

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Saturday Vigil:

5.30pm Childrens'
Mass

Sunday: 7.30am
and 9.30am

All other Masses

and Reconciliation have been cancelled.

Wed: 12.30pm Communion Service



This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for;
John Ryan, Delia Bartolomei,
Fr Wayne and
For the Holy Souls during
November

If you would like the lamp for a week, please
put the details and \$10 in an envelope and
hand to Prue in the Parish Office or in the mail
box.

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Year A November 11/12 2023

Next Weekend's Readings:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31,

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6 Matt 25:14-13



Lots of best wishes
and love to Fr Wayne
who celebrates his
birthday on November 16.



Please welcome this weekend the Very Rev
Peter Whitely VG and Fr Minh-Thuy Nguien
who will be celebrating Mass this weekend
November 11/12.

For Mass times in the neighborhood contact.

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Please keep taking precautions by
washing your hands with the sanitizer
provided in the church. If you are
feeling unwell please wear a mask.



THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH at

12.00 noon each Wednesday. If you have a
special intention, please phone Stephanie
0408 798 174. You are very welcome to come
and join us in prayer to Our Lady.



THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB: Come &
join us after the 12.30pm Mass on
Wednesdays for a light lunch & friendly
fellowship in the parish centre. All welcome
to come along. See you there.



The Archbishops Christmas Appeal For LifeLink is
being held throughout this Weekend. Please collect
your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal letter after
Mass this weekend as you leave the Church today.

We urge you to give generously to help the work of our
Archdiocesan agencies which read it out to care for our brother
and sisters struggling in the community. Please mail your gift in
the reply paid envelope provided or return you envelope and
donation to the parish at any time of the coming weeks.

Hello everyone, Some of you may know Michael (23 years) who attends 9.30am mass. We are looking for a buddy/mentor to support him in the community every alternate Sunday. This paid role will ideally suit somebody of similar age to Michael. If you are interested in further details regarding the role, please contact Louise Davenport Tel: 0428 752 913. Thank you.

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 here!



Mass of Remembrance



NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND AT THE SIDE ENTRANCES.... Please fill them out and put them in any of the collection baskets at the weekend Masses, or hand to Fr Wayne. All Masses in November will be offered for the Holy Souls



Parish Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle

O St Thomas, the Apostle, Father of our faith, you spread the light of Christ in the hearts of all. You humbly confessed "My Lord and My God" and sacrificed your life for love of him. We pray to you to strengthen us with love and faith in Jesus Christ so that we may dedicate ourselves totally to the cause of the kingdom of justice, peace and love. We pray that through your intercession we may be protected from all trials, dangers and temptations and be strengthened in the love of the Triune God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Christmas is approaching and we will be preparing food hampers for the needy of our area and will probably also send some supplies to the Parish of Moora which serve a large area and has no Vinnies Conference. We would be grateful for some Christmas items but also the usual nutritious, simple foods like stews, soups, baked beans, tinned fish, long life milk etc. Blessings Vinnies group.



PLEASE remember to turn you phone off or on silent when in the church.
Thank you.



New Planned Giving Envelope as from November can now be collected from the table at the entrance of the Church. Please let me know if you would like to change to Direct Debit.

Sausage and Mash Pie

Ingredients 800g potatoes, peeled and cut into large chunks 1 tbsp light olive oil
8 good-quality sausages, halved lengthways 2 large onions, finely sliced 4 sprigs of thyme, leaves only
2 tbsp sherry or Marsala 1½ tbsp plain flour 500ml beef stock 25g butter 2-3 tbsp milk 2 tbsp wholegrain mustard 40g mature cheddar, grated
Method: To make the mash, tip the chunks of potato into a large pan and cover with cold water. Add a generous pinch of salt, cover and place over a medium high heat. Once boiling, lower the heat slightly and simmer for 20 minutes, or until tender all the way through. Drain and allow to steam-dry in the pan. Heat the oven to 220°C, fan 200°C, gas 7. While the potatoes are cooking, heat the oil in a deep frying pan and brown the sausages for 6-8 minutes to start to colour. Add the onions and thyme leaves and cook over a medium heat until for 8-10 minutes, stirring regularly, until the onions are soft and the sausages are browned. Pour the sherry into the pan and allow to bubble away before adding the flour. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute, then gradually add the stock, stirring as you go. Bring the mixture to the boil and simmer for 5-6 minutes, stirring regularly, until you have a thickened, glossy gravy. Season with a little salt and plenty of pepper. Mash the potatoes until smooth and return to a low heat. Push the mash to one side of the pan and add the butter. Once melted, stir into the mash and add enough milk to achieve a smooth, creamy mash. Stir through the mustard and season to taste. Tip the sausage mixture into a 1.5litre baking dish and spoon over the mash. Spread out evenly, sprinkle over the cheese and bake in the oven for 20 minutes, or until piping hot and golden brown on top. Serve with buttered greens.



Dear Parish family, As you read this I am undergoing the next round of chemotherapy, both on Thursday and Friday. Afterwards I have to isolate as my white blood cells will be low and I am susceptible to virus etc. The house is quiet now my sister has gone, I miss her very much, not only for what she did for me, how she cared for me, encouraged me, but for her presence in my life. I am blest. I look forward to her coming back in January 2024. I think I am building up my strength, and can now walk to the end of the street to the school corner, albeit with a walking stick. Sometimes I feel like an old man, and most days have to have a nap, especially when tiredness overcomes. Much to my sisters ire I have been doing a little cooking, just to keep my hand in. You can't take the kitchen out of the boy. I noticed I have a lot of cooking books, and at my sisters advice will go through them all and cull a few, so will let you have them for a donation. I'll let you know when that might be, might take me a while to part with them, and I am sure if my sister was here, the process would be much quicker. LOL You are all in my prayers and thoughts every day, and I miss not being in your presence, but one day soon. God bless. **Fr Wayne**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure. The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.



THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM Nine readings and carols in preparation for Christmas. Thursday December 7, 2023 7.00pm and Sunday December 10, 2023 2.00pm St Thomas the Apostle Church College Road Claremont.



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 remember to take this Bulletin home with you. Thank you.

Do we have your email address? If you have changed your email address, please let us know by contacting us at our email address: claremont@perthcatholic.org.au If you would like to receive the parish bulletin each week please email us and we will place you on the email list. The bulletin is emailed out each Friday Afternoon. Thank You.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS....

First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary, to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming
You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher:
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



The Gospel of the Lord.