



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**



Please welcome this weekend Fr Peter Whitely will be celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday morning Masses.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;  
**Anne Fudger and Jacquie Gregson**  
**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.

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.



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



**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ROMILY HOUSE....** As in previous years, we are once again asking for donations of Christmas gifts for Romily House. The majority of the residents are men (80%), with only a few ladies. If we could have the presents wrapped and, if obviously for one gender, could you please indicate on the gift. Please

place your gifts in the basket in the foyer of the Church. Enq: Maureen Gardner 0435836647 or [gardnerm@inet.net.au](mailto:gardnerm@inet.net.au)



**33rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A  
November 18/19 2023**

Next Weekend's Readings:

**Christ the King**

**Ezek 34:11-12,15-17 1Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46**

**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!



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.

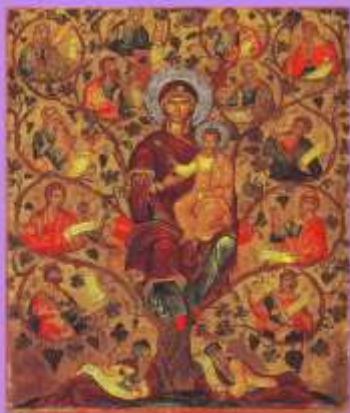
New **RED** Planned Giving Envelope as from November can now be collected from the table at the entrance of the Church. **PLEASE** use your **RED** November envelopes not the old green envelopes. As some numbers have changed it is confusing when you use the old envelopes. Please let me know if you would like to change to Direct Debit. *Thank you, Prue*



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](mailto: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

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

*The Road to Bethlehem*  
*Nine Readings and Carols in*  
*preparation for Christmas*



*Thursday 7 December 2023 at 7pm*  
*and*  
*Sunday 10 December 2023 at 2pm*  
*St Thomas the Apostle Church*  
*College Road Claremont*



**For Mass times in the neighborhood contact. NEDLANDS PARISH -**  
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**ST THOMAS MOORE - web site [www.stmc.uwa.edu.au](http://www.stmc.uwa.edu.au)**  
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The Archbishops Christmas Appeal For LifeLink is being held throughout this Weekend. Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal letter after Mass as you leave the Church. 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.





**Dear Parish family,** After the 2nd chemo last Friday the past few days have not been the easiest. I have felt very weary and tired, and just want to sleep and rest . It seems that the chemo is master of this dance and not me. A dear friend told me last we I was a stubborn man. He said you wouldn't listen to either parishioners or your closest friends about seeing a doctor, and it was only after you saw him and was sent to hospital that you finely admitted you were very sick. To all of you I apologize for this, and have learnt so much over the weeks. Listen to those who love you and care about you. **Fr Wayne**



**2024 COLUMBIAN CALENDARS** We have a small number of Calendars for sale at \$10.00. Please contact Prue if would like to buy one.

### Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess. It is rarely, however, placed in its context as part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the Christian life. Again, the story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts his considerable assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master's place to further develop his wealth. Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.

### CHINESE CHICKEN AND MUSHROOMS STIR FRY

#### Ingredients For the stir fry

500 g chicken breasts 1½ tbsp bicarb of soda 225 g sliced mushrooms 1 clove garlic 2 spring onions 1 tbsp oil

**For the sauce** 180 ml cold chicken stock 3 tbsp cornflour 2 tbsp Chinese Cooking Wine 2 tbsp soy sauce 1 tsp oyster sauce 2 tsp sesame oil ½ tsp pepper 1 tsp sugar

**Method:** Start with tenderizing the chicken. Cut the chicken into thin strips across the grain. Place in a bowl and sprinkle with the bicarb soda, stir gently to coat all of the chicken. Then cover and let the chicken marinate for 15 minutes. Wash off the bicarb soda and rinse the chicken several times. Pat the chicken dry with kitchen paper and set to one side. Next make the sauce. Add all the sauce ingredients into a large measuring cup/jug and stir well. For the stir fry. Pour the oil into a heavy-based frying pan and place over high heat. Whilst the oil is heating up remove the roots from the spring onions and chop them into 2-inch (5cm) length chunks. Add them to the oil (be careful it can spit) and stir fry them for 1 minute to flavour the oil. Add the chicken to the pan and cook for 2 minutes stirring constantly. Add in the chopped mushrooms and stir fry for a further 2 minutes. Add the sliced garlic and stir constantly for a minute. Give the prepared sauce another stir and then pour it into the pan. The sauce will thicken quickly so stir it to coat your stir fry. Serve immediately with steamed rice.

**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.

## **THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS....**

### **First Reading A reading from the book of Proverbs**

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

### **Word of the Lord**

#### **Responsorial Psalm (R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **(R.)**

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers and sisters, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober. **Word of the Lord**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

### **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.**