



**St Thomas Parish
Sacramental Enrolment
2024...**

Enrolments are now open for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. To attend preparation classes for these sacraments (this applies to students not attending a Catholic school) or to receive a sacrament in the Parish (for students being prepared at a Catholic school) please contact Silvia Kinder for a registration form. **Enrolments close on February 29.** silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au



Pat Perkins Funeral Mass will be held here at St Thomas's on Saturday February 17 at 8.30. The family will have a **PRIVATE** burial for Pat.

THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH 12.00noon followed with Mass 12.30 mass each Wednesday from 7th February. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie 0408 798 174. You are welcome to come & join us in prayer.

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB: Resumes on Wednesday **7th, February 2024.** 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.

**ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**



Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year. We will have the following services:

7am mass for the early birds and the workers

12.30pm mass with the Parish School Community.

We welcome back all the children, families, teachers and staff for the new school year of 2024. Great to have you all back again.

Please be aware of traffic and children when driving in the vicinity of the church and school.

Next Weekend's Readings:

6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Lev 13; 1-2, 44-46 Psalm 31;1-2. 5.11 1Cor 10:31—11:1

Luke 7:16 Mark 1:40-45



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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 12.00pm Mass Please note

Thu: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Kids' Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am

RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4.30-5.00pm



**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B
February 3-4 2024**



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. Vincent de Paul Society of Neighbors helping neighbors

Somebody kindly donated 5 x \$50 vouchers for "Everything Apple" to us. These would not be appropriate for our clients' needs. Could anyone make us an offer for some or all of these vouchers so we can put the money to other purchases? Please contact: Henry 0417 985 992. Thank you.

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





Dear Parish Family, This comes to you all from my hospital bed from Hollywood Private Hospital. I have been here since early Sunday morning. Maureen and I agreed it was the best plan of action. Since being here I have been having many tests, chest x-ray, CT Scan, blood test and antibiotic infusions, It seems I might have a nasty infection which my specialist is trying to find out about. The other worrying thing is my Lymphoma is growing back. The Dr's and nurses have been wonderful. During my time here I came across an article from Pope Francis and it gives us so much to contemplate. I hope you enjoy reading it. as much as I have.

Thank you for supporting Maureen and Fr Richard and all those keeping Parish family together. Hopefully I will be home soon. *God Bless, Fr Wayne*

THE LIVING SPIRIT— by Pope Francis. A prayer written shortly before his ordination on December 13 1969.

I desire to believe in God the Father, who loves me like a son, and Jesus, The Lord, who filled me with his Spirit to make me smile throughout my life, O that I might one day arrive smiling into the Kingdom of eternal life. I believe in the Church, I believe in my pain, which I made sterile by selfishness in which I take refuge. I believe in the meanness of my soul, which seeks to consume without giving.....without my giving. I believe in the goodness of others, and that I must love them without fear and without betrayal, without looking out for my own comfort. I believe in the religious life. I believe that I want to love greatly . I believe in the death that is experienced from day to day: a burning death from which I flee, but which smiles at me, inviting me to accept it I believe in God's patience: welcoming and good, like a summer night. I believe in Mary, my Mother, who loves me and who will never leave me alone. And I hope in the surprise of each day, in which love, strength, treachery, and sin will be manifested, and which will accompany me always, even unto the final encounter with that wonderful face which I do not yet know and from which I continually escape, but which I want to know and love. Amen.

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.*





At our beautiful Cathedral, St Mary's, we have a very enthusiastic band of volunteers who conduct tours to schools, public and private organizations as well as the general public. This voluntary Ministry was founded in February 2011 and has grown over the years from two to eight tour guides; however, we are looking to increase our numbers. On Tuesday 20th February at 10.30 am we will be conducting a tour followed by a light morning tea in the Cathedral's Parish Centre. The aim of this "Open Day" is for those individuals who are perhaps retired or are available during the week and would like to find out more of what is involved, to come along to the fact-finding event. You will be able to ask questions, meet the other guides and perhaps decide to join us. Your commitment would only be determined by your availability and may be just one tour every month or so for approximately 1½ hours. Of course, all necessary training and resources are provided. To register your attendance, or for more information, please call Carol Wright, Tour Guide Co Ordinator on 0419 948 411 Email: clwwright@bigpond.net.au.

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.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
**Ron Chapman, Kenneth Hosken
and Rosa Catena**

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 Parish Office or in the mail box.



Mass is offered for
Mrs Rosa Catena at
this Saturday evening
Mass 3/2/24.

NEW PARISHIONERS, and those not so new, please complete the Census Cards which are available in the back of the Church (one for each member of your family) and hand the completed cards to Fr Richard or one of the acolytes after Mass. It is very important for all new parishioners to register with the Parish and for existing parishioners to update their registration details so that the Parish Office is able to keep accurate records. Please be assured that **ALL INFORMATION WHICH YOU SUPPLY IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND FOR PARISH USE ONLY** in accordance with the Privacy Act of Australia 1997. **Please Note: That no phone numbers or personal details can be given out to any person ringing the parish office. It is against the law. Please do not ask, as refusal may offend.** PS please be sure to include your email address

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.

REQUEST. Direct Debit Forms are available from the parish office, or the back of the church. Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks Prue

Please use only RED Planned Giving Envelopes they run from November 2023 to November 2024.

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 Job. Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; to him our praise is due. **(R.)**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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.**