

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



**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](mailto:silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au)

baptism



We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend:

**Cecilia Mary GREENFIELD**

We ask for God's blessing upon her and her family as they journey through life, with Jesus beside them.

*Dear Parish Family,* I wanted to write to you all to thank you for the love, support and all the prayers that you have given to my brother Fr Wayne and myself. This illness has been hard for him and this lot of Chemotherapy hasn't been kind. He still is currently in hospital and unable to have visitors as he is very unwell. He calls you all his Parish family and I can understand why I feel I have gained you all as family also. It has been a comfort to him that Fr Richard is looking after the Parish and Prue running things also. My brother means the world to me as he is truly a special person. Continue your prayers and stay strong as a Parish, I know he would want this. *God Bless you all Maureen*



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;  
**Fr Wayne and Fay Morgan**

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.

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

**Next Weekend's Readings:**

**1st Sunday of LENT Year B**

**Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1 : 12-15**



CLAREMONT WA

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**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:**

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 7.00am

Wed: 12.30pm Mass **Please note**

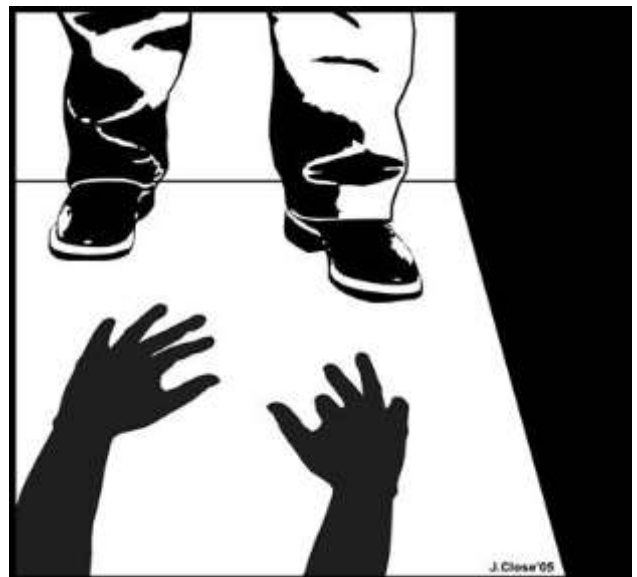
Thu: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Kids' Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION: Sat:** 4.30-5.00pm



**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B  
February 10/11 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!



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.



**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.

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.



**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.

# GOSPEL FOCUS

## What's in a word?

Verse 41 of this week's reading begins, 'Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.' This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger. By comparison, 'Feeling sorry for him' seems a weak translation. Jesus' reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus' humanity.

## 15 Feb DARE TO DREAM BIG – THE PATHWAY TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev Fr Professor Eamonn Conway (University of Limerick and presently lecturing at Notre Dame, Fremantle) will join us to share Pope Francis's vision for change and renewal within the Church- a Synodal Church. The question is: *Could we build a different Church, one that is more welcoming, inclusive, and relevant to our daily lives and the lives of those we love and care for?* Maybe if we dream Big! Fr Eamonn is a former president of the European Society for Catholic Theology. So why not join us and, as people of hope, DARE TO DREAM BIG and make our world a better place. **Thursday 15 February 7pm to 9pm, St Thomas More College, Crawley. Parking is available in the rear carpark at the College.** Suggested donation \$10.00. Please Prior registration is necessary to help with seating and supper. **Further info or to register**, email Jenny, [wallergranjen51@gmail.com](mailto:wallergranjen51@gmail.com) or 0426 501 951.



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.

**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 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: [clwright@bigpond.net.au](mailto:clwright@bigpond.net.au).



### Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

We are looking for Eucharist ministers to minister to people living in nursing Homes in our area and people who are housebound. Please contact the Parish office or Margaret Sweetman.



**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**  
**If you are using Green envelopes please contact me.**

**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 Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

**Responsorial Psalm: (R.)** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

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

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.* A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.



**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.**

