

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

**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!



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;

**Carolyn Hope**

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 Sunday collection or to the parish Office or in the mail box.



### THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

Are held in the Parish meeting room, after the 12.30 pm Mass, you are all welcome.

Please bring a plate to share. *See you there.*

**THE ROSARY 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 welcome to come & join us in prayer to Our Lady.



**Caritas AUSTRALIA**

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia. Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.



*We like to keep our parish records up to date so please let us know if your details have changed. Please email or post us any changes. [claremont@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:claremont@perthcatholic.org.au)*



### "Time to Consider the Priesthood".

St Charles Seminary in Guildford is holding their annual Vocations Open Day on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024, calling all interested males from the age of 17yrs and older, who are thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood, to come along and 'look and see'. Details may be found on the flyer on the notice board or St Charles Seminary website: [www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au) or call (08) 9279-1310 to register for the day.



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Mr Ralph Goodman: 0419 740 443

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**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:**

**Tue:** 9.00am Mass

**Wed:** 12.30pm Mass

**Thu:** 9.00am Mass

**Fri:** 9.00am Mass

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 5.30pm

**Sunday:** 7.30am, 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION:** Sat: 4:00pm

**Easter Sunday  
Year B March 31, 2024**

**Next Weekend's Readings**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

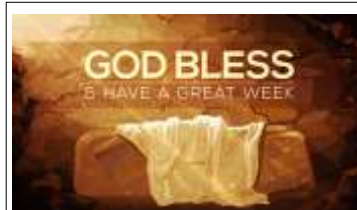
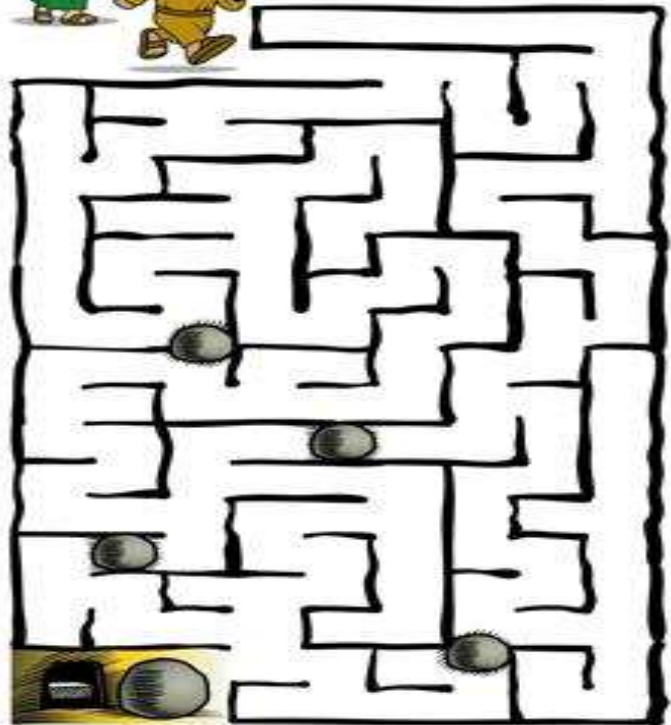
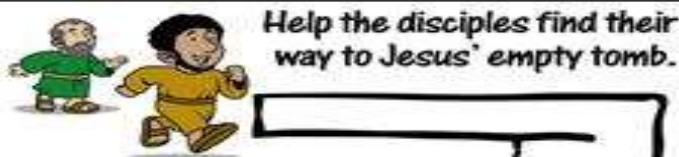
**Acts 4: 32-35 Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 1 Jn 5:1-6**




**St. Thomas**  
**PARISH BULLETIN**

## *Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen* REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy. This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.' The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen. Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!



On behalf of the Parish Family thank you to those wonderful volunteers who turned up for the

 Busy Bee last weekend. A small band of workers did a wonderful job cleaning the church. Next, I would like to thank all those wonderful parishioners who has enhanced our Easter Liturgies with their wonderful talents, of singing, music, reading, acolytes, flower arranging, welcoming. Well done everyone.

Did you know Catholic Mass is broadcast on free-to-air television each Sunday morning? Mass for You at Home is broadcast at 6am on Channel 10 and WIN. Let family and friends know that they can pray along at home if they are unable to attend their local parish.  
**For more information go to**  
[www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au)

### **Easter Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### **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**

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





**ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL - ENROLMENTS** St Thomas' Primary School is excited to offer families a holistic Catholic education in the heart of Claremont. Limited vacancies are available for 2025 enrolments. Please visit [stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/](http://stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/) for more information, or contact us to book a tour of the school on 9286 9500 or email [admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au). An application form can also be found at the back of the Church.

**Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close**

It was very early in the morning when Mary Magdalene went among the graves to find Jesus: 'It was still dark'. It must have been unnerving to find an empty space where a stone and a body should have been. The resurrection took everybody by surprise, even those who had heard Jesus say, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up' (Jn 2:19).



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. Contact Henry on: 0417 985 992. Thank you. **God bless from your local Vinnies Team**



**Thursday, 25 April is Anzac Day. Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 9.00am. This will allow**

**those who wish to attend the March in Perth to be able to do so. Come along and pray for those who have died in wars, for those who still live with the horror of war, and for those who continue to fight for peace in conflicts around the world.**



There are many colds and viruses as well as Covid going around the community so please use the hand sanitizer.

**11 Apr WOMEN OF THE SCRIPTURES**

Women of the Scriptures – How Jesus' life was influenced and touched by the ordinary lives of the women he encountered in his ministry. **Thursday 11 April 9am to 3pm, Nano Nagle Centre, 6 Reserve Street, Claremont.** Presenter: Sr Catherine Warner pbvm. Cost: \$50.00 (includes handouts, morning tea and lunch). **Further info;** [pmegan@iinet.net.au](mailto:pmegan@iinet.net.au).

**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**

**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.

**EASTER SUNDAY READINGS ONLY**    **First Reading**    **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm (R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**Second Reading**    **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ In God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**Word of the Lord**



**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel**    **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words. When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

**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.**